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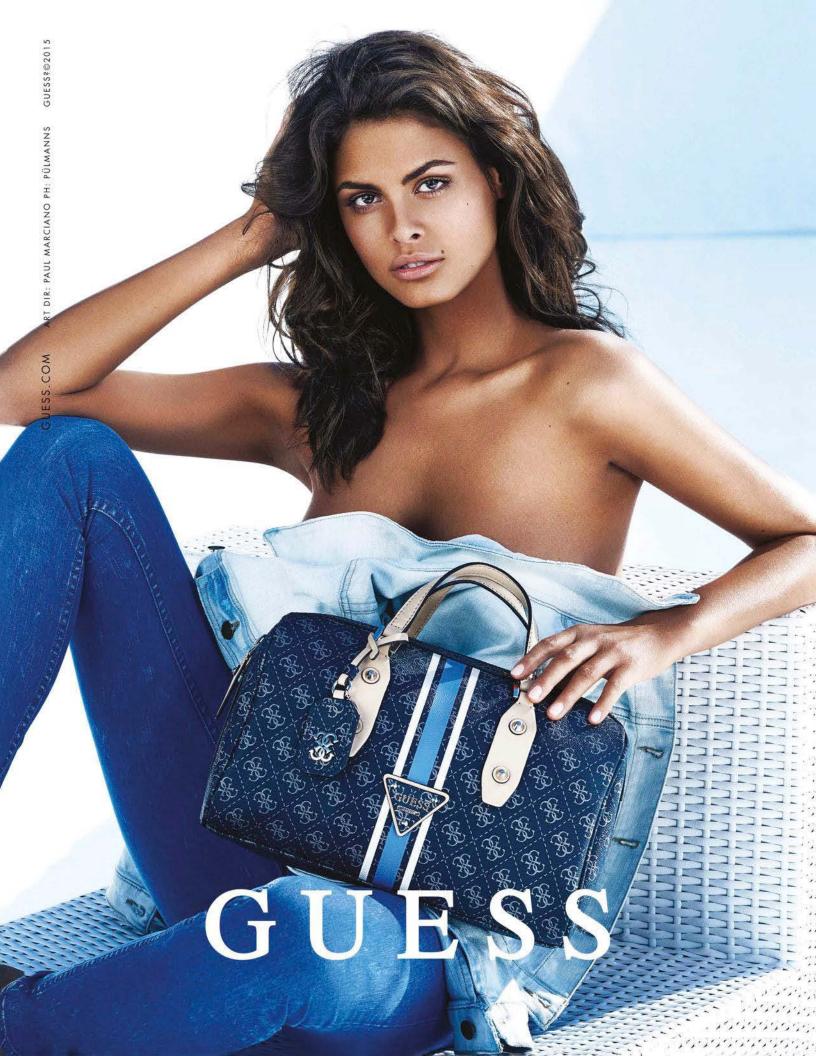


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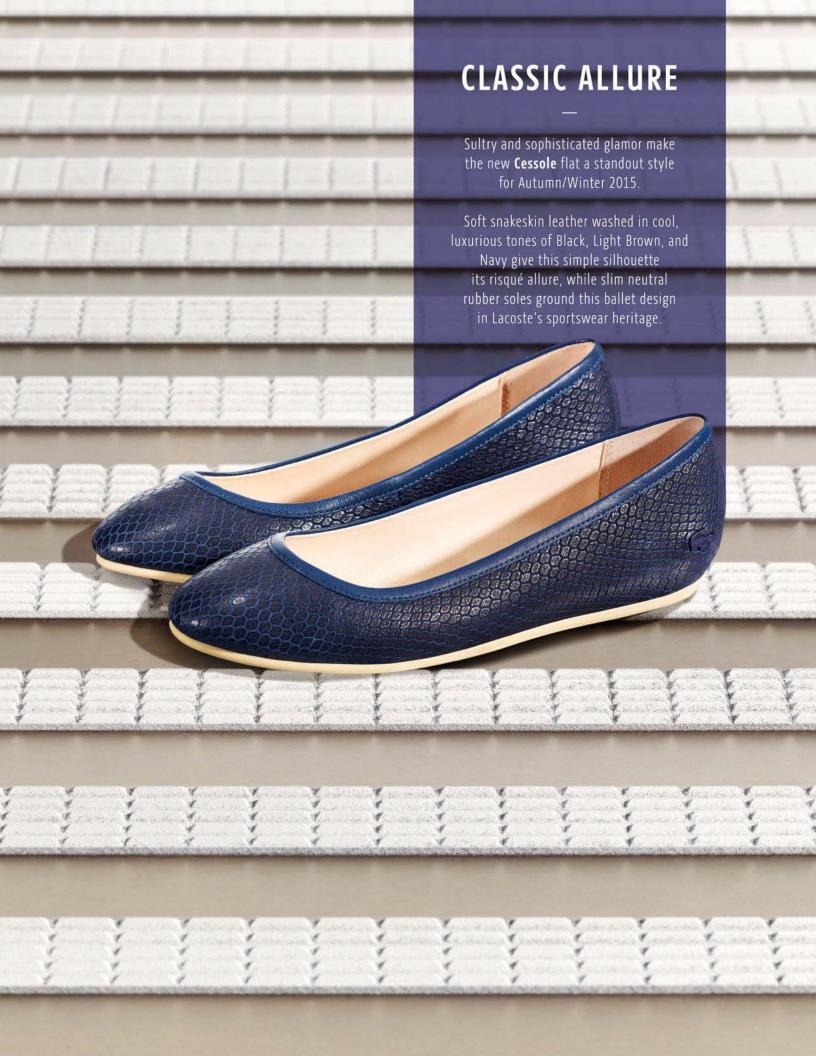
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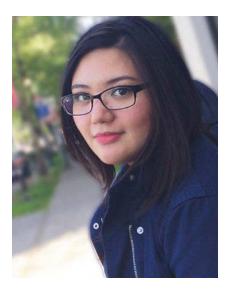
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#### **KYLIE VERZOSA**

One of Cosmo's 8 Sexiest Models in 2013, Kylie appears in our beauty story "Weekend Warrior" (p.122) She says, "I liked how I was transformed into different looks just from one look. I learned that you don't need to do so much to change your look!" She says, "Working on this editorial made me connect with being a model again after joining Bb. Pilipinas, where the photo shoots are quite different."

"My goal for the rest of 2015: To live more courageously and fearlessly with discipline for the things I want to achieve in life."





**GABY IGNACIO** says about writing "The Tamad Girl's Guide to Stop Being So Damn Tamad" (p.30): "Talk about eye-opening! It made me want to stop procrastinating myself. I'll chalk it up to journalistic integrity." The mid-year changes she wants to make: "I want to start reading more books outside my usual repertoire of classics and cookbooks. Writers can't live on their own prose alone; we've got to keep our skills sharp, and that means immersing ourselves in the styles and ideas of other artists. Oh, and I want to start going to the gym again."

"I want to get the Cosmo reader to start working on making her dreams a reality, no matter how hard or how much of a hassle it may seem right now. Everything is tough. Life is tough. We're tougher."



ALIZA LICHT, who wrote "Show Off Your Best Self," (p.91), is the SVP of global communications at Donna Karan International and DKNY PR GIRL, the company's award-winning social-media personality. One of the New York Daily News' Top 50 Most Powerful Women in New York, she is an inaugural TEDx

Times Square speaker and has been profiled by The New York Times, E! News, and Time, among many others.

"The biggest secret I've learned: How you communicate and influence others weighs just as heavily on your success as your skills and ideas do. My knowledge comes from nearly 20 years of experience, but I want to give you a cheat sheet on how to market yourself."



ROY MACAM, one of

Cosmo's favorite beauty photographers, shot the beauty editorial "Weekend Warrior," p.122. He says "It was fun shooting the story. I enjoyed it because I worked with talents I haven't previously worked with."

"For me, every shoot is a challenge. I like to make sure each shoot I do is better than the previous one by constantly checking on what I still need to improve on."

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## KEEP THE CHANGE

## Are we Filipinos really inherently tamad?

It's the subject of a debate as old as time, or at least the Spanish times. "Weak and lazy, no one is more so than the Indios," wrote Fr. Domingo Viñals in his journals in the 1870s. "Their house half-built, the field untilled, hunger threatening them, naked by not clothing themselves...They work for four hours [a] day...late in starting work and taking an eternity to finish it; unappreciative of time, miserably wasting it."

Dr. Jose Rizal refuted this reputation in his revolutionary 1890 essay, "The Indolence of the Filipinos," where he instead blamed our hot climate and Spanish colonial oppression and abuses. In the 1920s, a character named Juan Tamad rose to fame in local folklore; and decades later, in Philippine cinema. Was our laziness so legendary it had become iconic?

Whether it's an unfair cultural stereotype or the truth, the perception persists today. Perhaps it's not without basis. Admit it, Pinays, we're all a tad tamad. We take pedicabs, tricycles, even Ubers to destinations two blocks away. ("So hot kasi, eh!") We sometimes can't be bothered to make an effort to wear makeup or dress well at work to at least look visible. We stick it out at a corny/boring/not-good-for-us job rather than pursue our passion, or settle for a corny/boring/not-goodfor-us guy—instead of making the necessary changes to have the kind of life we want. We're so lazy, Cosmo.ph created a whole "The Tamad Girl's Guide" series just for us. And so, in this issue, "The Tamad Girl's Guide to Stop Being So Damn Tamad" (p.30) was born. Writer Gaby Ignacio's antidote: Just do something, anything! Stop overthinking and start doing. Small changes add up to big results, and this Mid-Year Makeover issue is full of starting points for slow-but-sure changes you can make everywhere in your life from your closet (p.137) and diet (p.99) to your image (p.91) and sex life (p.80).

Cover girl Toni Gonzaga never had the luxury of being lazy she had too many responsibilities. "I was wired to work!" says the girl who started working at age 13. "When you set your goals at a young age and know what you want, it's easier to avoid distractions," she says, explaining her drive and work ethic.

Laziness often stems from overwhelm or hopelessness if we feel we can't do anything, then we don't do anything. But as Baudelaire once said, "Nothing can be done except little by little." By changing and improving ourselves constantly, we can slowly steer our lives into the direction that we want. May this issue fuel your journey, one page at a time. Happy July!





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funky trainers!

The Skechers GoRun 4



NY See: With John Dioso, the Pinoy managing editor of US Cosmo, and Kristen Ingersoll, fashion director, Hearst Magazines International

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#### FORCE OF JUL







1 The "Weekend Warrior" (p.122) beauty shoot crew: Archie Tolentino, Ethan David, Kylie Verzosa and Meriam Ahari 2 Cosmo fashion director Donna Cuna-Pita attempts a pose-off with model Lisette Benedicion during our "Fierce Florals" (p.114) fashion shoot. 3 All the things we ate! Team Cosmo road-tested the hottest "Healthy Food Delivery" services in town just for you, p.134.





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## IT'S A COSMO WORLD

#### **COSMOtivation**

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@matromao Happy 18th @cosmo\_ph!

**@Aesha\_C** I want to get the copy of the May issue of @cosmo\_ph right now!

@mskathykenny Me
time at the spa with my
May issue of @cosmo\_ph
= a relaxed me

@chikkanessave
Currently reading Bea's
@cosmo\_ph interview \*\*

Benjh Santos It's her 8th time, if I'm not mistaken, and I love it! #BeaforCosmo —

Aileen Hufana
Love her gorgeous
red dress!!!

Laleine Soriano
Ang ganda ni Bea, kahit
hindi siya skinny, grabe
ang wow factor niya

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#### LETTER OF THE MONTH

"I only started reading Cosmo in 2012, but I can say I've been enjoying it! It's been a great help to me, especially during my college years. I really liked 'What Were They Doing When They Were 18?" (May 2015). It really reiterated Cosmo's famous 'Fun, Fearless Female' tagline. It was such a fun and inspiring read. Happy 18th Cosmo! More power! — Dannah, 24



#### STEP 1: KEEP SKIN BLEMISH-FREE

Keep in mind that flawless skin is the foundation of beauty. Eat healthy, drink lots of water, and most importantly, prep your skin with a good facial cleanser. Try Pond's Pearl Cleansing Gel, which contains Pearl Essence that helps whiten the skin. The gel's oxygenated formulation gently cleanses and refreshes skin, leaving it soft, smooth, and moisturized. Definitely a must-use for CGs with sensitive skin!

#### **STEP 2: GET THAT DEWY GLOW**

Brighten up your skin by maintaining a beautiful, rosy white glow. Your best bet? Pond's Dewy Rose Gel. It's the first expert whitening product to come in



a refreshing gel, which instantly cools and hydrates your skin. It's especially formulated to lighten dark spots and minimize pores. Dewy Rose Gel is also enhanced with Rose Lumiere Serum, an alpine extract that leaves your skin soft, dewy, and oh-so-flawlesseven without makeup.

#### DON'T FORGET TO SCREEN YOUR SKIN!

Too much sun exposure is your skin's worst enemy. It steals your youthful glow and causes unwanted skin damage. That's why you should never leave the house without putting sunscreen on. Make sure to pick one with a broad spectrum and apply generously. For extra protection, re-apply your sunscreen every few hours. Better safe than sorry, right? And with daily protection from the sun, you can keep flaunting a wrinkle-free and healthy no-makeup look with total confidence.

#### **STEP 3: FOLLOW YOUR** NATURAL COLOR I

One of the biggest beauty no-no's is using a BB cream in a shade that's way lighter than your skin



tone. Pick one that blends into your natural complexion, like Pond's Flawless BB Cream. It's a lightweight foundation and whitening cream rolled into one that gives your skin a radiantly smooth look. It also contains SPF30 PA++ to keep your skin safe and protected from sun up to sun down. Perfecting your no-makeup look is a breeze with a non-sticky, oil-regulating BB Cream like Pond's. No powder required!

## ◆ JULY ◆



#### List-o-Mania

Ever start off the week already overwhelmed by the sheer amount of work you have to accomplish? Time to turn to the good ol' To Do list. According to David Allen, bestselling author of Get Things Done, breaking down your tasks into detailed lists and writing them down allow you to get them done efficiently. Don't just rely on smart phone apps—get some note pads and list down an agenda for

Note pads, The Lunch Break Project, <del>P</del>350.

before a workday.

yourself every morning or the night

Bookend, H&M Home, <del>P</del>599.





#### **FELINE FRIEND**

In the age of e-books, enjoying the real thing (don't you miss the feel of turning crisp pages?) is almost rare. Get your favorite reads in their bound versions and display them proudly with cute bookends like this one. Take care of them so they last for years because enjoying a book via LED screens just isn't the same as re-reading your wellworn paperbacks.



#### **Box Set**

Mid-year is the perfect time to let go of your pack-rat tendencies (see Live It Up for tips on cutting down clutter), but if you must hold on to some things, keep them organized and safe in pretty boxes like these to avoid a mess.

#### happy list

Water Getting enough fluids daily means nicer skin and hair, less bloating, and better brain function. Make it a point to bring a tumbler daily, drink up, and refill it at your office water station at least four times to make sure your body gets all the H20 it needs. Check out Hot & Healthy for our tips on staying hydrated.

Tumbler, Jonathan Adler at National Book Store, P1,373.



#### EGG-STATIC MORNINGS

Start out your day on a high note by getting your daily protein fix from eggs—you'll also get in some Vitamin B12, riboflavin, folate and Vitamin K, which studies say may counter the effects of cholesterol. Don't know how to cook? Get trays like these in cute shapes, crack eggs in them, and microwave for a minute. Instant brekky!





#### Knobbed Up

Fancify your closet with this easy, dummyproof DIY project: swap blah drawer knobs for stylish glass or brass ones like these—all you need to do is unscrew the existing ones, and replace them with pairs that look snazzy for an instant #klazzy closet upgrade.



**LETTHERE** BE LIGHT

With the rainy season in full swing, it's best to be prepared for power outages. Keep a supply of candles in cute lanterns at the ready to ensure you don't end up in the dark, and if a blackout does happen, going about your night won't be a problem. Fun bonus? You'll have instant mood lights for a romantic, candle-lit night in.

Lanterns, H&M Home, <del>P</del>399.

#### RUG&ROLL

Having guests over? Roll out the red carpet (or at least a cute one in bold colors) to glam up your space! Use it to mark an area: by your door as a pseudo entrance hall, under your dining or coffee table, or to catch spills in your kitchen, for a cheap, stylish, and functional touch.



#### WHAT'S HOT

Taking good care of your stuff. Prolong the shelf life of costume jewelry like long necklaces, stacked rings, and statement earrings by keeping them in an accessories tree like this one.

> Nobody will notice that your baubles are from the tiangge

if you keep them looking new.

Accessories tree. CO/OP, <del>P</del>995.

#### WHAT'S NOT

Spills and dirty surfaces. There's nothing worse than unexpected kalat you can't clean up ASAP. Make sure vou keep rolls of tissue stocked in your desk drawer and at home for easy mop-ups.

Tissue holders, True Value, P99.





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Toni Gonzaga-Soriano, box-office star, top TV host, and new wife, dishes on reaching the top—and finally settling down.

By Sasha Lim Uy Photographs By Paolo Pineda



Toni Gonzaga slips into the studio so free from fanfare, you barely notice her entrance. She's wearing faded, ripped skinny jeans, a soft yellow button-down, and, of course, dark sunglasses typical artista off-duty uniform. But the You're My Boss star is far from taking a break.

"Meetings, errands," she says, ticking down the day's itinerary as she expertly makes her way to the makeup chair after the requisite introductions. It's 3 p.m., and after this Cosmo cover shoot, she heads back to ABS-CBN for rehearsals. Toni is never really off-duty.

At 31, she's a veteran with 16 years' industry experience. She still loves it: the work, the hours. It was her only dream ("I really couldn't picture myself doing anything else"). Half a lifetime ago, she was a teenager singing five times a week in hotel lounges before she reached this level. You can't really question why she has steadfastly put her career ahead of all else.

"When you set your goals at a young age and know what you want, it's easier to avoid distractions," she says, offering a rather concise background to her unflappable determination. "Nothing was handed to me on a silver platter. I had to go through the whole process of lining up for auditions. I went through a lot of rejection." That kind of persistence rightfully deserves to be relished.

But things are different now. It took her 16 years to create a name that would land powerful celebrity lists, and it took long-time beau

and now husband, director Paul Soriano, half the time to create a new name for her: Toni Gonzaga Soriano. For the first time in her life, her priorities are undergoing a reshuffling.

#### IN FOCUS

She gives a little smile, but starts off quietlyalmost subdued, a warm-up quite unlike the deep, chirpy tone that's become her signature when hosting programs like The Voice of the Philippines and the nowdefunct The Buzz.

It's an earnestness that could, after the twists and turns of the grapevine, come off as disconcerting iciness or being suplada. The poison blogs have exhausted this discussion, and Toni, peering at herself in the mirror to check the fresh layer of shimmery shadow that makes her steely gaze even more intense, isn't new to these kinds of comments. She is neither. This is Toni at work, all business and single-mindedly driven to accomplish the task at hand. "I always want to finish what I start.

"I don't want to shortchange my audience and the people who are giving me all these opportunities," she shares, continuing in the same reserved intonation.





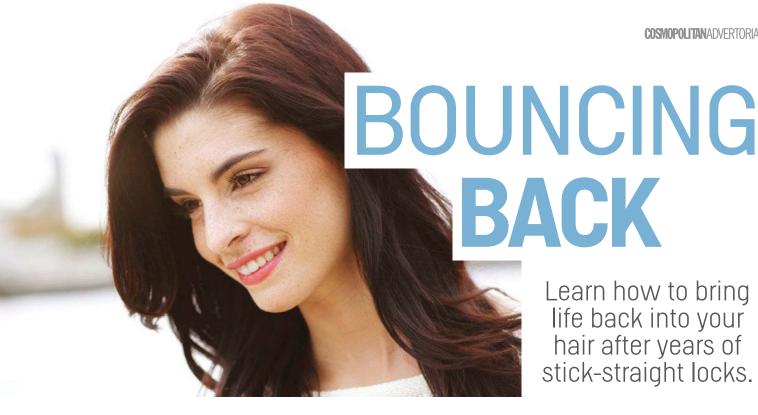
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#### **WHAT HAIRSTYLES** TO WEAR

#### **LIMIT THE LAYERS**

When you're due for a haircut, ask for a one-length style instead as this makes your hair look thick and full.



#### **ADD SOME CURLS**

Pop in some fat hair rollers while you do your makeup to get va-va-voom curls for the day!

#### **LEAVE SOME** STRANDS LOOSE

Pulling your hair into a ponytail or a braid keeps the hair away from your face but can make you look severe. Tie it loose and let a few strands free for a tousled look.

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#### The Cosmo Interview

"They deserve the best from me." The actress, dubbed the country's 'Multimedia Star,' understands her situation with bracing clarity. "A lot of them want to be in my shoes. I want to show them you have to earn what you have."

She reiterates this a few more times. Her humble beginnings, her slow climb to the top, the negativity from detractors  $% \left( t\right) =\left( t\right) \left( t\right) \left($ she had to endure. "There are people na binibigay sa kanila lahat, but others have to work for it. I was one of those."

The Toni in front of us, all fierce-eved and serious, is the product of that painstaking journey, a hardened trouper battling barbs that have gone uselessly stale but not totally forgotten. She used to torture herself with unwelcome judgment. "In my 20s, I'd really read everything to keep me grounded," she explains. She took Kobe Bryant's cue of filling his personal gym with bad press to fuel his motivation.

"But Paul told me that what you feed yourself, you become," she relates. "I ended up insecure and started to live with limitations kasi iniisip ko lagi kung ano na naman ang sasabihin nila." Nowadays, when people tell her to act a certain way, she tells herself "This is who I am. Dito ako nakilala." She's learned to just take in what's necessary and move on, to stop pleasing people for the sake of it. "They don't deserve your time. There are other people who will celebrate you for who you are," she advises.

Toni doesn't mess around with the shots she's been given, and she's not messing around now. She moves quickly through the shoot, slipping in and out of outfits with ease inside a makeshift tapis dressing room the stylists have set up. She saves off-topic discussions for later and walks straight to the setup. In front of the camera and after a few last-minute make-up and hair checks, she turns on her famous mega-watt grin and yells, "Game!" to signal she's ready.

The shoot pauses after a few snaps. The curls don't look right and she spends several extra minutes trying to fix them. This is no diva moment, mind you. Despite the way it looks, this is just a person doing her job, and Toni is a pro.

#### **OUT OF CONTROL**

"Teka lang, nahihiya 'yung abs kapag mali 'yung hinga," she jokes, in the bodyhugging cropped top and pencil skirt that show off her photo-ready midsection. She stops, inhales, and continues



posing, every giggle and flip of her now-perfect tresses natural yet precisely timed to the clicks. She looks every bit in charge of her life. "Minsan naman hindi," she thinks for a while and corrects herself. "Actually, when you try to control your life, the more it gets out of control."

Going against the plan seems to be a good strategy for Toni, whose claim to fame started accidentally. That famous Sprite commercial in the '90s? She was initially cast in a supporting role until the producers, who weren't satisfied with the performance of the original lead, tested her for the part. Now, "I love you, Piolo!" is stamped in history as one of the most iconic TVC lines ever.

"I was set for the next few years," she begins. "I had already pictured what I was going to do, the movies that were

lined up." Then the bomb dropped, and Paul popped the question. "I was overwhelmed. I thought it was going to be the end of something, but it turned out to be the start of something even greater."

She chuckles loudly when she reveals that she actually imagined she'd get married between age 35 and 40. "I was wired to work!" she chortles. "There was so much responsibility when I was growing up na parang hindi ko talaga na-envision." It must've been her oldersister mojo that kept her absorbed with the concerns of the present. She compares herself to younger sister Alex. "She already has a theme for her wedding! Alam niya na kung saan siya titira, alam niya 'yung gown niya, may bridal march song na siya." (Beyonce's "Smash Into You," by the way.)

#### The Cosmo Interview



#### The Cosmo Quiz

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Lately, I've been super busy with:

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What I do on my days off:

- Catch up on sleep
- b. Catch up with friends
- C. Catch up on my fave series
- (d. ) Catch up on "me" time

My guilty pleasure

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One thing that makes me blush

A 6000 DESSERT

One habit I want to change, but can't:

SLEEP LATE AT NIGHT

How I deal with nega

- **Snarky retort** 
  - Shake it off
- LOL Ç.

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Last thing I'll do as a single woman:

**Dream Destination:** 

Cupcakes for the birthday girl

I can't leave the house without:

Sweetest thing Paul has ever done for me:

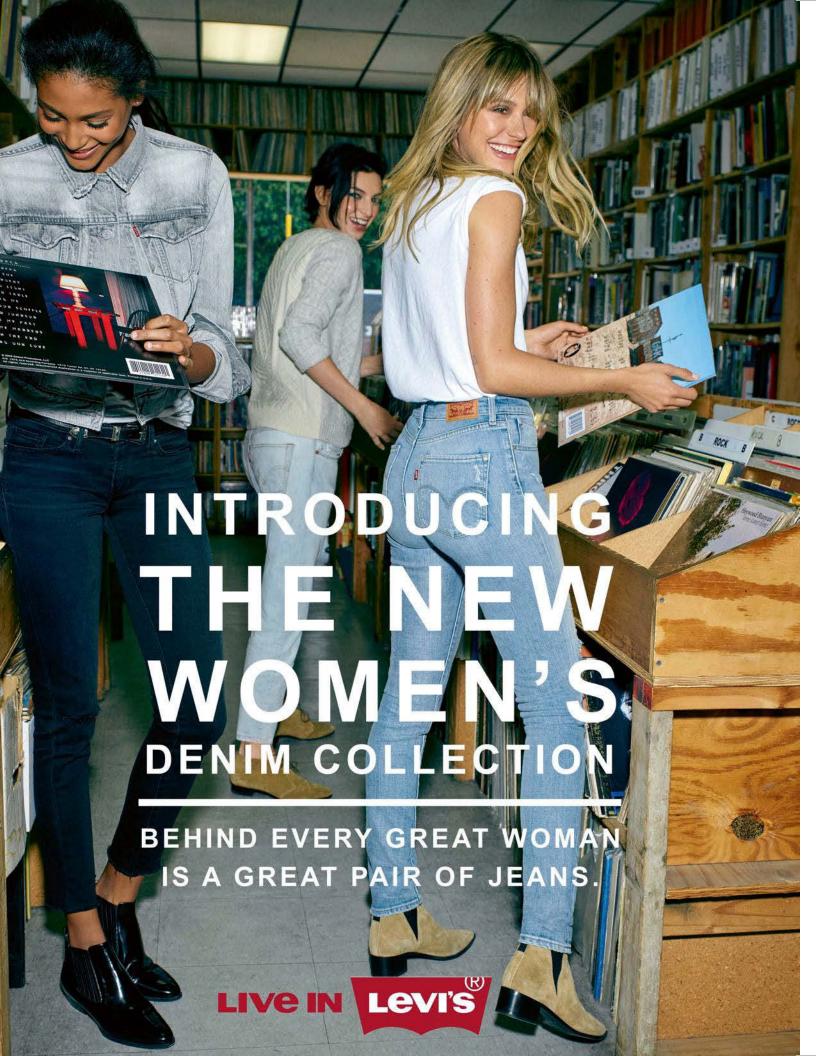
My instant perk-me-up:

Sealed with a kiss (and in Vera Wang!)



Spot Toni's blushing-

bride beauty in her exclusive BTS vid on WWW.COSMO.PH





Toni was so focused on work that there wasn't too much time to think of anything else. She is admittedly ambitious, a quality she shares with other aggressive, go-getting women. "We want to show men we can make it on our own without their help," she says. She hesitates to use the term 'self-made' ("I think it sounds a little bit selfish"), and resorts to more Queen Bee wisdom to articulate. Back in 2008, Beyoncé said on Oprah, "Make sure you have your own life before becoming someone's wife." Incidentally, Toni and Beyoncé were both in long-term relationship before finally settling down. Toni's never had—nor wanted—the "wild child, rebellious" stage, but she's satisfied. "I've lived," she declares. "I've already done things for myself and now I'm ready to be someone's wife."

#### **NO-STRESS CALL**

She stretches out her fingers—her engagement ring glittering against the shiny gray hue that now covers their tips—as she slowly ponders the next phase of her life. Toni confesses that she couldn't really pinpoint

when the slot for her number one priority would shift from her career to Paul.

After the post-proposal outpouring of love came panic. "Magsa-sign ako ng contract sa ABS, then I was going to do You're My Boss pa. Sabi ko, 'ha?!" she exclaims, with a level of mirth that comes after the fact. "Biglang dumami. Nagpasok ang lahat sa work." The stress was about to set in, but she kept it in check.

"It was Paul's mom who advised me to step back when everything gets too chaotic and stressful. Leave it all behind. Take time for yourself." Toni breathes deeply, in her casual style and make-up fully on and impeccable, she looks every bit the picture of calm. She quotes Paul again. "Ang No.1 kalaban ng stress is yourself. You're the one who stresses yourself out. Sabi niya stress is a choice. Do you choose to be stressed or do you choose to let go?"

The choice was an easy one. The movie wrapped up and made over P200 million, she flew abroad for shows, and she was able to prepare for the wedding—an intimate ceremony in her hometown, Taytay, Rizal, followed by a lavish, romantic reception at Rockwell, Makati. Her marital glow hardly divulges her

a lot of fears," she nods. "I was skeptical. I thought I wasn't ready." A few years off her original, personal wedding schedule, she kept asking herself if she was prepared to handle the new challenge in her life. Toni was afraid of the usual stuff: priorities, how to juggle going to work and being a wife. "I was afraid I wouldn't be the kind of partner my husband expects me to be."

initial hesitations. "There were definitely

But the dust has settled and she realized that there was really nothing to be scared of. "The pressure came from the people around you telling you na dapat ganito. Dapat ganito ang mangyari, ganyan, ganyan," she shrugs it off. Toni knows what she wants and she's pumped.

#### THE WORD OF PAUL

"Before, I was a workaholic. Now I just... work. Wala nang'holic'. I'm a working wife," Toni says excitedly.

What that means exactly, Toni's not sure yet. When asked how she'll go from running to walking, she jokes again her laughter becoming more and more frequent now. "I'm gliding! No more running, no more walking! I am gliding. I am going with the flow. I am floating."

Her plate is still full, what with *Pinoy* Big Brother on its 10th year and more films in the pipeline. "That's the best thing about Paul. He's accepted me. Alam niya na I am a career woman." She mentioned something similar earlier, when she was describing how he's helped her deal with negativity. "He reminds me what really matters in my life."

From the suave circumvention of talking about her personal relationship in its early stages, Toni's come to the point where Paul figures naturally and inadvertently in her everyday conversation. He is—finally—a part of her that she can't separate or shake off.

"The only things that have changed so far are my last name and my responsibilities," she clarifies. "Pero kung sino ako, hindi magbabago 'yon. You shouldn't sacrifice or lose yourself in marriage." Sure enough, two days after the wedding, Toni was back in front of the cameras for PBB. Sticking to her guns has always been Toni's MO and she's not about to modify her plans now. "People cannot change," she stresses. Her spirit and grit aren't budging, but the rest of her life has just shifted course. "[Marrying Paul] changes everything, but I believe everything will change for the better. My best years are still ahead of me."



# AFAB ROOM MAKEOVER IN5STEPS Easy tweaks make for cool

Easy tweaks make for cool changes, says interior designer Hannah Acab-Faustino.

Living room photos styled by: John Vigilia and Joevie Tuguib Bedroom photos and accessories styled by: Kristine Neri-Magturo and Gino Eraña



The first step to a fresh new look? Roll up your sleeves and start decluttering!

#### Declutter.

"It's very easy to accumulate souvenirs and mementos over time, and each one adds more and more clutter to your space," observes Acab-Faustino. "Before getting a room makeover, survey your closet, dresser, and shelves to see whether or not every item there still fits your lifestyle."

#### Rearrange furniture.

'You don't have to spend much for a room makeover. Sometimes, it's just a matter of rearranging your furniture," says the designer. Start with the biggest items (like sofas and chairs) and work your way down to the smallest pieces (like side tables). Try moving around in your new space and see if the new layout works for you. Once you settle in, it'll feel like a whole new space.

LIVING ROOM PHOTOS STYLED BY JOHN VIGILIA AND JOEWIE TUQUIB. BEDROOM PHOTOS AND ACCESSORIES STYLED BY KRISTINE NERI-MAGTURO AND GINO ERAÑA.





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#### Repaint walls or add an accent.

"Repainting a room instantly brings change, so by all means, repaint it if the walls are already drab," suggests Acab-Faustino. "If the walls are still in good condition, try an accent wall. You can paint a contrasting color on the wall, install an accent shelf or storage area, or even put up your own gallery of artworks.'

## How Hannah Does It



#### MAKEOVER M.O.

"In my house, I regularly update the look simply by changing my curtains and pillows. I coordinate textures, colors, and patterns that suit my preference at any given time. I enhance the space by adding interesting light fixtures and playing around with various heights and proportions. Accessories play a key role to makeovers. Use these accents to highlight the best features of your room."

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## 2 HOUR MOISTURE OUTLAST





### We're a culture that absolutely adores instant gratification.

From our instant morning coffee and our microwave meals, to our swipe-left-orright dating lives and digitally-based personal relationships, it seems every aspect of our existence has been designed or modified to take up as little effort as humanly possible. With our packed, hectic schedules and numerous commitments.

after all, why not whittle down the time it takes to go about the minutiae of our daily lives?

Unfortunately, we've become so

immersed in trying to do everything as quickly and what we think as efficiently as we possible that we tend to forget about what we're compromising. Even though it takes barely a minute to rip open a 3-in-1 sachet and prepare a cup of life-giving, function-inducing jolt of caffeine, it'll never taste quite as good as a pot of freshlyground, Grade A Arabica you could be brewing in your beloved French press. We forget that actually sitting down to a meal with our family or friends where we can catch up on each others' daily lives

is light years more fulfilling that sending pre-designed stickers through our wittily named Viber group.

Everyone's guilty of try-ing to cut cor-

ners in their lives, but why seems to be a heady, complex mixture of complacence, laziness, and losing sight of the rewards putting in a little more effort might bring. Whether it's as simple as deciding to opt out of setting aside a couple of minutes to put on a more polished face for work, or as major as not looking for a new job to replace the one you have and hate simply because putting together a portfolio is a hassle, our love for doing as little as possible is one of the biggest things holding us back from being truly amazing.

Ironically, it usually takes much less time to actually get out and do things than it is to sit around stressing that you look unprofessional for that surprise presentation, or whining about how your job sucks, or whichever of your litany of woes happens to be most interesting that day. We're forgetting that the lives we want are rarely handed to us on a silver platter and that working for something is generally

the only way we can get it. It can be as simple as that. It doesn't matter how many inspirational collages or Pinterest boards you create, because if you don't act on making those images, ideas, dreams, or goals a reality, nothing—nothing whatso-ever—is going to happen, and all you've done is wasted a good deal of paper, craft glue, and bandwidth.

"When can I start?" you ask, inspired to set goals and make such a pivotal change for the better, for the brand new, all-improved, reformulated you. "When can I set out on the road to awesome? Honestly, the answer is "Now." There's no better time to begin than this very moment. It may be a hassle, it may be overwhelming, but it will be rewarding and it will be worth it, but only if you make it so. The only thing keeping you from being your best self is you, so get moving.

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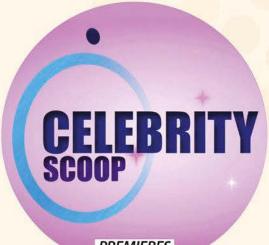
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YES Alexis Cimagala, 29 lawyer

When the commitment to start anew is equal, love generally deserves a second chance. So many things can go wrong, especially when you're young (and more hormonal and reckless), but because people change and grow over time, love that is strong, real, and more mature deserves another try. Note that growth and commitment must be present. There are exceptions, of course: your absolute non-negotiables based on your values and principles shouldn't have been the reason of your first break-up. For example: trust and loyalty mean the world to me, so I believe there is a level of betrayal that not even the most forgiving and loving person can overlook. Communicating your principles better this time around is also key. If you believe in the same things, you will likely have the same boundaries and expectations, and there'll be less confusion. If you are more or less on the same footing the second time around, and not too far apart the first time you got lost in translation, then it's definitely worth another shot!

#### DEBATE

### Does Love Deserve a Second Chance?

Is there such a thing as a relationship do-over?



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I wouldn't get back together with an ex, because there are reasons you broke up in the first place. If the breakup was due to lying about a serious matter, or even worse, cheating, why would I want to stay in a relationship where there is no trust? As the saying goes, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." While I believe that people can truly change, I don't expect it from anyone. My mindset is, I loved you for who you were when we were together, and though I may still love you now, it's no longer the same kind of love. A breakup allows me to realize who I am outside of the relationship and to learn to love myself. I owe it to myself not to backslide. After all the tears. sleepless nights, bitterness, anger, calories gained from binge-eating while watching The Notebook, the constant replaying of Mariah Carey's "We Belong Together" on my phone, and, finally, the clarity and peace that dawns on me once I've moved on, why would I want to go down that rabbit hole again?



Indeed not many people, female or male, can say that they are 100% confident about how their bodies look without any clothes to cover up any problem areas—whether it's chunky thighs, lovehandles, flabby arms, or a bulging tummy.

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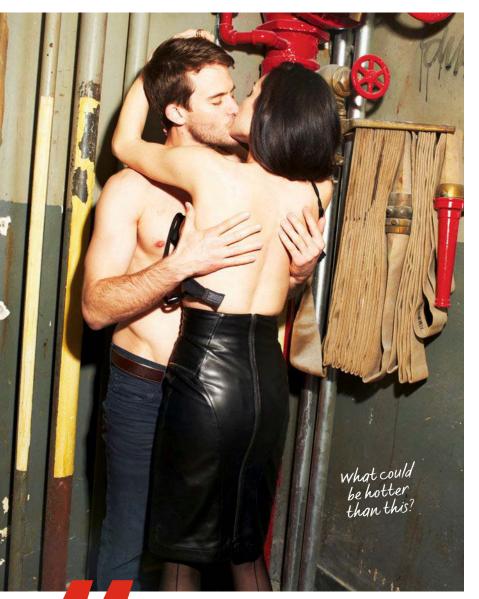
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## **FunFearless**

# CONFESSIONS



Cosmo readers share their steamiest secrets and embarrassing experiences.

# STAY CLASSY

"I bought five-inch heels for a night out with my friends and my boyfriend. I was planning to break them in that night, but maybe I should have thought twice about that plan. I ended up stumbling and falling several times, once almost dragging my BF down with me to the floor. Oops!" — KARA, 21

## Karaoke Queen

"I AM A KARAOKE FIEND. REGINE **VELASQUEZ'S 'ON THE WINGS OF** LOVE' IS MY GO-TO FAVE. I EVEN DO MOVEMENTS WITH IT AND **HAVE PERFECTED MY** CHOREOGRAPHY. ALL MY FRIENDS MAKE FUN OF ME." — CARA, 28

# **GIRL ON FIRE**

My girlfriend lives in a condo with her parents, and they were home while I was visiting one day. Naturally, we wanted to fool around but they were an obvious deterrent. We pretended to leave instead and used the fire escape that goes outside the building-no CCTV, but visible to the rest of the world. Hopefully climbing to the top floor was privacy enough! —WILL, 25

"I gave my boyfriend a hand in the parking lot of the church in our village. The only time an HJ has ever been so hot,"

— DANA, 27

# **BAND-NO**I

"During a beach trip to Boracay, my friends and I went to Ariel's Point to try cliff diving. I put on my favorite swimsuit at the time (the top was a bandeau), which I realized was a huge mistake! I jumped, hit the water, and as soon as I came up for air, I realized my bandeau was right under my boobs! Good thing I felt the coldness of the water, realized what happened, and was able to put it back on once I reached the top. Whew!" - PATTY, 25

## **DIGITAL THREE-WAY**

"I met a guy through Tinder, and we hit it off right away. I even gave him my mobile number so we could continue communicating. I figured I'd let my friends know about it, since it was becoming more serious than I thought. Turns out one of my friends admitted to texting the same guy I was talking to! So much for exclusivity." - KAYE, 25

# MEAN GIRL

"One workday, a co-worker accidentally spilled a packet of toyomansi on my white shirt and skirt as she was trying to rip it open. I was fuming inside, but didn't show it. Good thing I live near our office, so I went home to change. I know she didn't mean it, but I gave my coworker the cold treatment for a week." — LEIA. 29

"I was singing in the the shower the other day, and my roommate rushed in to ask if I was okay. I can't sing to save my life—I sound like a dying cat!"

— GABI, 24

## **Blushing Bridesmaid**

"I WAS A BRIDESMAID AT MY BROTHER'S WEDDING. OUR DRESSES WERE LIGHT YELLOW. BUT I REALIZED ON THE DAY I'D FORGOTTEN TO WEAR NUDE UNDERWEAR—SO I DECIDED TO GO COMMANDO, EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL AFTER THE CEREMONY, AT THE RECEPTION AREA. WE HAD TO WALK UP A SMALL HILL. BUT I TRIPPED AND STUMBLED OVER... I QUICKLY TRIED TO PULL DOWN MY DRESS, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE, I'D ALREADY FLASHED ALL MY FRIENDS AND HALF MY EXTENDED FAMILY." —PAM, 21

## **GUY CONFESSIONS**

His shameless scams and juiciest secrets revealed.

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## **EMASCULATED**

"While playing volleyball on an island, the ball landed in the drink and began to float away. Our buddy who tried to get it broke his slippers and got stuck while it continued drifting into deep water. The only person in our group who could swim far enough was a girl and we all felt like mega losers watching her from shore the whole time." -JOSEPH. 24

# **Drinks** Are Bad

I agreed to go on a date with a girl I didn't really like because I didn't have anything better to do. When I got to the gig place however, I saw my sexual tension crush there and immediately went to work on getting my date drunk and out of commission so I could creep on her instead. I succeeded in getting her tipsy and dumped her off with her friends who were also there-all for the

SCOre. -JAN, 22

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS** 

I beat it during business trips when I solo a room.

-CARLOS. 26



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# From Drawn-In Brows to a low-Key Kilay

Take a break from your #KillerKilay and go for natural-looking brows instead. Just sketch your brows with your preferred eyebrow makeup, and slowly brush it to even out the color. So much easier than the draw-and-fill technique, right?

# From Harsh Contours to Natural Highlights

It's time to wipe off your Kardashian-inspired makeup and try the strobing technique to achieve a softer and prettier glow. Your glam team: tinted moisturizer, luminescent powder, and highlighter. Go to cosmo.ph/beauty for the complete how-to.

# From DIY Hair Color to To-Dye-For Hues

Want to try a bolder shade for your hair? Skip the bottled colors and treat your locks to a long, luxurious salon sesh. Hair stylists can tell you which shade best matches your skin tone and facial features. Plus, with a professional treatment, you get a longer-lasting, more evenly applied color.



# From Lip Gloss to a Healthy Pout

Lippie addict? We totally get it. But make sure to choose your lipsticks wisely, because most of them contain harsh ingredients that can take a toll on your pretty puckers.

Before buying a lipstick, make sure to read product reviews first. Plus points if your lippie has SPF!

# From Dull Strands to Smooth & Silky Hair

Give your hair the ultimate beauty upgrade with Head & Shoulders Smooth and Silky Shampoo and Conditioner. It not only keeps your scalp healthy and 100% dandruff-free, it also gives the moisture and nourishment that your hair deserves.



## Fun, Fearless Celebs







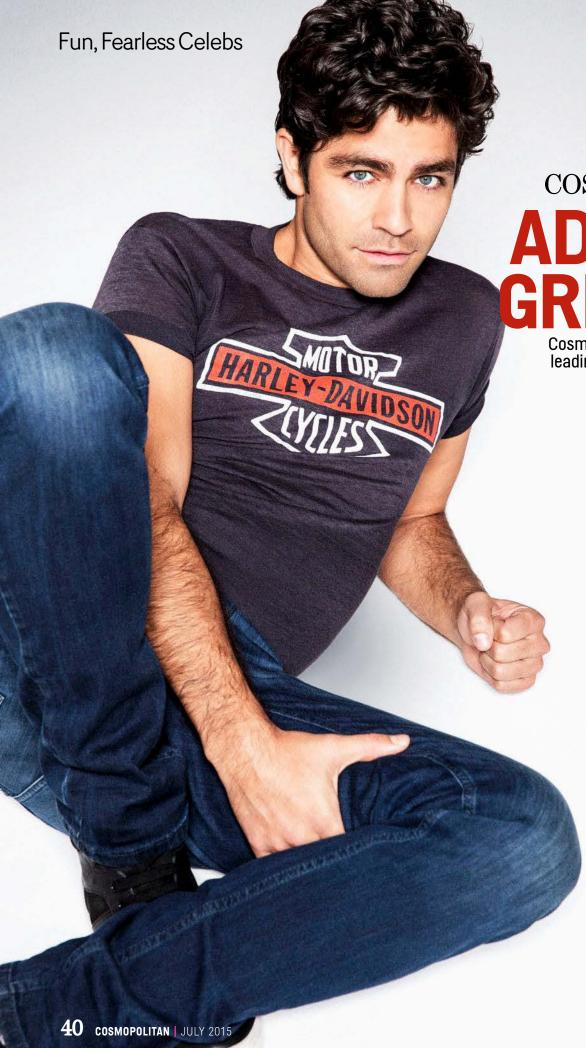
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COSMO GUY

ADRIAN GRENIER

Cosmo hugs it out with the leading man of *Entourage*.

- → SHYGUY "I think
  I'm the only guy
  in the Entourage
  group without
  brothers, so I'm the
  runt. Growing up,
  I was very shy and
  sensitive...
  a mama's boy."
- → VINCE WHO?

  "I live a better life than Vince! I get to go home and be calm. I'm not as shy now, but I'm glad I live in New York so I can escape the crowd."
- MONNEGOTIABLES

  "A confident, calm voice. You get a lot of insight into a person from hearing their voice. And hygiene. I like a girl who flosses."
- TAKE HIS WORD
  FOR IT "If I ever get married, I'm saying my own vows. You've got to think about what you're saying and committing to."
- YOUR SECRET WEAPON
  "A lot of times,
  insecurities beget
  rejection. It's not
  about how goodlooking you are. It's
  attractive when you
  love yourself."

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## Fun, Fearless Celebs





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# HUNK OF THE MONTH

"My friend and I were at a bar with our eyes on the same girl. I spilled water on his crotch, so he left. I got the date."

> Name: Donluis Muñasque

> > Height: 6'0"

**Age:** 25

**Ethnicity:** Filipino

Hunk on Instagram: @iamdonluis





# HOTTEST SUMMER WITH HMyNesteaBeach

You don't know summer in Boracay until you've experienced it with Nestea!



L-R: Business Executive Manager for Beverages Sherilla Bayona, NESTEA Beach 'Love the Beach' brand ambassador David Guison, Consumer Marketing Manager Leanne Jacinto, and Marketing and Events Executive Jel Leyte

NESTEA

Beach 'Love the

Beach' brand

ambassador David Guison

-B. 18th NESTEA Beach









#### **BEST BEACH VOLLEY**

The best volley players bumped, set, and spiked their hearts out in Boracay. NESTEA Refresh Beach Volleyball ambassadors Gretchen Ho, Michele Gumabao, Rachel Anne Daquis, and Cha Cruz owned the court and went home as the first NESTEA Beach Fantasy Beach Volleyball Match Champions. Good job, girls!

#### **UNWIND UNDER THE SUN**

Fashion and lifestyle blogger Lissa Kahayon invited us to sit back, relax, and soak up the beauty of Boracay at the NESTEA Beach Refresh Lounge. Overflowing drinks, spa and beauty treats, and a paraw sailing sesh? We lived the ultimate beach life at the #MyNESTEABeach!

#### **HOTTEST SUMMER PARTIES**

LaBoracay? More like LaBora*cray*! NESTEA kicked things off with the NESTEA Summer Plunge Party last April 30 at Tides Roofdeck, accompanied by DJ Nina, DJ Ludwig Van Beat, and DJ Ron Poe.

On Labor Day, NESTEA brought us the freshest sounds from Black Market's DJ Badkiss, DJ Angelo, and DJ DonP at the Secret Party at Kasbah Boracay. Happy hour turned into a posh sunset sesh with the new NESTEA Cranberry Cosmopolitan Blend, which combines the goodness of red tea with the delicious flavor of cranberry.

NESTEA Beach closed the awesome weekend by throwing two back-to-back parties co-hosted by Valkyrie at the Epic Bar in Station 2. The mixes from DJ Sander Van Doorn and Knife Party had us partying like there was no tomorrow, #Cheers

#### **LOVE THE BEACH (AND MEAN IT!)**

Fronted by blogger David Guison, the #MyNESTEABeach 'Love the Beach' clean-up event was a big win for Boracay. The first leg, 'Show the Love,' had 235 participants gathering after-party clutter all over the island. They collected a total of 103 kilos of trash underwater with the help of the Boracay Association of Scuba Diving Schools (BASS) and 200 kilos of coastal trash. The second leg was called 'Share the Love,' which had NESTEA selling 10,000 pitchers of iced tea during Labor Day week. All proceeds went to the coral reef restoration program of Boracay Foundation Inc., with Nestea matching the amount raised from the iced tea sales. Now that's what we call beachlovin'!

# Let's be friends

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# GET INTENSE WHITE SKIN

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# **ASK HAPPY**

Cosmo fashion editor Happy Lopez fixes your fashion probs and shares her new obsessions.

We have no dress code at work so basic tees are my favorite thing to wear. But I'm getting bored with my look (or non-look!). Any suggestions?

Go graphic, girl! You'll go ga-ga over Uniglo's latest t-shirt collection with 35 graphic themes in more than 1,200 colors and patterns to choose from. Take your pick from Marvel superheroes and Disney characters, all the way to music icons and movie logos. Tip: Leave a navy or neutral blazer in the office to spiff it up for emergency presentations or client calls.99



Help! I want to get my boyfriend a work bag but he doesn't want to be teased by his colleagues for carrying a man purse.

Tumi

€ Check out Tumi's 1975 commemorative collection and I'm sure you'll find something he'll love. I think the Slim Brief is a perfect carryall for his laptop plus extra pockets for his other gadgets and work essentials. With its cowhide leather and tan finish, this classic case will make him look oh-so dapper at the office.





I've noticed how old-school denim has become trendy again. I'm torn between Mom ieans and flares which one's a keeper?

find flares more flattering and versatile. It's a style that always makes a comeback, so it's become a classic denim staple. Find the perfect pair that fits you best because this is one style you can wear over and over again.99



I want to wear a white dress to a friend's wedding but I don't know if it's appropriate. What's the rule on this now?

€Unless the bride specifies guests not to, I think it's okay to wear white to a wedding, especially with all-white outfits being so on-trend lately. My suggestion is to keep the design of your dress simple and modest to avoid stealing the spotlight from the bride. You can also break the monotony of white by accessorizing with heels and a clutch in bright colors.

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A tailored top tucked into a pair of ruched shorts give a skinny frame a curvier look.

## TREND TEST

How do I wear...

Real women, real shapes, really helpful advice.

**CHRISTINE LAVIÑA** 

33, makeup artist

Top, Zalora, ₱594. Necklace, ₱755. and shorts. ₱715. both Forever 21. Bracelet, What Women Want at SM Department Store, ₱199.75. Shoes, Suiteblanco, P2,399.

> Soften an athletic build with a tee style with flowy sleeves.







Top, CPS at Zalora.com.ph, ₱1,859. Pants, Promod, ₱1,695. Bracelet, What Women Want at SM Department Store, P579.75. Heels, Parisian, P999.

A tailored cape jacket structures and slims a top-heavy frame.



30, entrepreneur

Top, Zalora, ₱1,299. Necklace, What Women Want at SM Department Store, P299.75. Skirt, Forever 21, P665. Heels, Call It Spring, ₱2,455.

Balance out cape sleeves with a tight tube skirt that accentuates your curvy hips.

#### **MARY GRACE** SARMENTA

34, businesswoman

Top, Zalora, P549. Necklace, What Women Want at SM Department Store, P579.75. Pants, Promod, P1,995. Pumps, Parisian, P899.75.

## **LEXI PULHIN**

24, student

Cape jacket, SM Woman, P799.75. Dress. Promod. ₱2,695. Bracelet, What Women Want at SM Department Store, ₱249.75. Pumps, Parisian, <del>P</del>899.75.





# Fun, Fearless Style



# TREND TIP PLAY IT BY EAR

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#### THREE-STRIPE COLLAB

High Street giant Topshop teams up with Adidas Originals for a second sevenpiece collab. The exclusive capsule of essential staples is the perfect marriage of street style and sport heritage. Go sporty with the Superstar jacket or urban with the metallic Superstar sneakers—you'll fall in love like we did, too.



Adorn that brunch outfit with dainty jewelry from Agatha's Lady Scottie collection. From delicate pendants and brooches to sterling silver bracelets and rings, each piece is a stunner.

# WHAT'S

Get your fresh fashion fix with this month's finds.



Hey #TitasofManila, finally, your favorite nylon It bag brand has its own standalone boutique in Manila. and it's brimming with the colorful bags that everyone loves. You're sure to find another addition to your already-full Longchamp bag closet. Head on over to Greenbelt 5 to check it out.



for a complete closet overhaul. What better way to update vour threads than by checking out F&F's Spring/Summer collection, with crisp laidback pieces that are soo utilitarian chic.



HAPPY'S TIP Maintain your bags by stuffing them with acid-free tissue paper to preseve their shape. When you're not using them, store bags individually in a dust cover or a pillowcase for protection.

#### YOU LIVE HARDCORE

Stand out from the sea of ballet flats, espadrilles, and pointy pumps this season with a pair of Doc Martens' Limited Edition Archive Con-gress boots. Go on the rebellious side with the lived-in look of this Star & Stripes themed boot, a recreation of the 1980s US West Coast Hardcore scene. Hurry, they only made 1,460 pairs!

Who run the world? Cosmo Girls, of course!

osmopolitan Philippines continued to celebrate its 18th anniversary with another exciting event called Cosmo's Fun Fearless Life, held at the Skye Lounge in Bonifacio Global City on June 6. Cosmo readers were treated to an afternoon of inspirational talks from Cosmo editorial director Myrza Sison, FlipTrip.ph co-founder April Cuenca, GrabTaxi country manager Natasha Bautista, "The Bull Runner" Jaymie Pizarro, celebrity fashion stylists Cath Sobrevega and Maita Baello of Qurator Studio, top celebrity makeup artist Jigs Mayuga, Cosmo.ph assistant managing editor Sandra Pineda, and Cosmo beauty editor Meriam Ahari. Passion and pampering were the order of the day, with fun activities and beauty freebies galore. Whisper gave attendees the chance to let loose at the Fun Fearless Flipbooth, while Skin White and Lactacyd had them posing for OOTD photos in their summer best.





Cosmo readers were treated to a fun-filled, inspirational afternoon!





















Celebrity fashion stylists Maita Baello and Cath Sobrevega of Qurator Studio







Attendees also got head-to-toe makeovers from Tokyo Posh, Browlab, and Beauty & Butter. Armed with newfound insights and helpful tips from their #lifepegs and the confidence to look and do their best, readers were even more inspired to go out there and live their best life ever. Here's to more fun, fearless years, Cosmo Girls!

Lactacyd SkinWhite.

Cosmo and Whisper celebrated fun and fearlessness last June 6 at Skye, bringing together Cosmo Girls for an afternoon packed with conversations and discoveries about how to win in life-covering travel, fitness, beauty, fashion and even careers. Aside from pampering booths that made every attendee feel special, the Cosmo editors, together with Cosmo's Fun Fearless Females and Whisper ambassadors Natasha Bautista and April Cuenca, shared life advice and practical tips to help Pinays be the best versions of themselves and go further in life.

Find out why these inspiring girls choose

# to make their fun, fearless life possible!



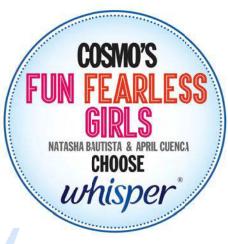




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—April Cuenca, co-founder of FlipTrip.ph





Without worrying about back leaks, going further just got easier, with Whisper.

— Natasha Bautista, Country Manager GrabTaxi

## TRAVEL LIKE A PRO

How does April travel on a budget? She prioritizes must-see places but isn't afraid to live local. This way, she gets more bang for her buck and a more meaningful and authentic experience. Of course, straying off the beaten path can be a little tricky. But since Whisper has her covered, April isn't afraid to take chances and go further with every trip!



## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Natasha faced plenty
of challenges on her
way to discovering
her fun, fearless
self. But armed with
Whisper's 12-hour
protection, she was
able to move past her
worst days and push
herself beyond her
limits. Now Natasha
has never felt more
comfortable in her
own skin!









To win at life like April and Natasha have done, you've got to have the confidence to achieve more and go further—even on days when you've got your period. That's why fun, fearless girls choose only Whisper. It offers 12-hour protection from back leaks, so you can go from one adventure to another, take on new challenges, and chase your next big dream!

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> Dehorah Lippman Nail Lacquer in Like Dreamers Do.



## THE (UNDER) STATEMENT NAIL

During Fashion Month, it was plain to see the "no makeupmakeup" trend wasn't stopping at just makeup. Nails followed suit in the quest to look naturally beautiful. Designers swapped bold colors, nail art, and glitter for a minimalistic approach, with shades of beige, taupe, and flesh colored polish. Think of nude polish as the BB cream for nails—it gives nailbeds that healthy, flawless finish. To sport these chic tips, shop for lacquer like you would your foundation-look for a shade closest to your skin tone.

## **MIRACLE LASER**

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The Belo Medical Group has pioneered some of the latest beauty breakthroughs in the country. Their newest gadget? Picosure—the magical laser that zaps away dark spots, uneven skin tone, scars, signs of aging, and tattoos (as if they were never there). Pressure wave technology uses light pulses (instead of heat like older lasers) to correct skin damage. Pretty pricey starting at ₱15,000 per session, but apparently clients are willing to shell out. Belo received the 2015 World Picosure Award for performing the highest number of treatments per month under a single machine.





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CHEAT SHEET

# **APPLY MAKEUP** LIKE **APRO**

The Laura Mercier posse consists of 21 artists chosen to represent the brand. Meet one of the elite— Tavaba Jeffrey—who has

worked closely with Laura herself for over a decade. Tayaba schools us on how to achieve the effortlessly chic Laura Mercier look.



It's been nearly two decades since the French makeup artist launched her self-titled cosmetic line and made what is known as the 'Iconic Flawless Face' her namesake. In fact, it was Laura Mercier who first introduced primer to the beauty industry. Laura's philosophy is this: Behind every great look is flawless, natural looking skin. The Flawless Face line consists of everything you need to create the perfect base-primer, tinted moisturizer, foundation, concealer and setting powder.







perfectly finished and long-lasting makeup. The Loose Setting Powder contains little or no pigment, so there's never any caking or discoloration of makeup. Use a powder puff to press powder directly onto skin.

1 Foundation Primer, \$\text{P1.550.} 2 \text{Silk Crème Moisturizing} Photo Edition Foundation in Suntan, ₱2,250. 3 Secret Concealer in #4. ₱1.250. 4 Loose Setting Powder. ₱1.650.





Tightlining gives the illusion of fuller lashes and bigger eyes. Mix three drops of Tightline Activator with Tightline Cake Eveliner Mix. until vou get a paste-like consistency. Use the Fine Point Eye Liner Brush to press product into the lash line.

Tightline Activator, ₱845. Tightline Cake Eye Liner in Black Ebony, P995. Fine Point Eye Liner Brush, P995.







### HORSESHOE TECHNIQUE

Use the Angled Cheek Contour Brush —designed specifically to contour the cheek bone when applying blush. Starting at the line beneath the center of the eyelid, follow the natural shape of your cheekbones. The product should be applied in a rounded pattern, creating a horseshoe or U-shape under the iris and blending into the hairline. Important to remember—don't hold the brush straight like a pen. Instead, hold it at an angle to avoid harsh lines. Blush should be applied onto the apples of cheeks—not low on the cheek (under the bone).







## **SUNRISE TECHNIQUE**

Swipe Caviar Stick Eye Colour in Cocoa onto eyelid near the lash line. Blend color upwards using the Pony Tail Brush. Aim for a gradient effect—most saturation should be near the lash line. Pigment should become lighter as color rises up the lid toward the brow bone. For a dramatic finish, apply Caviar Stick in Tuxedo in the outer crease and bottom lid—then blend. Makeup should be blended so well it's impossible to tell where the product starts or ends. Dab Eye Glacé in Wet Sand using the Crème Eye Detail Brush onto lids, pressing shine only onto the center bottom of lid. Then, apply under the bottom waterline for a bright-eved look.

1 Caviar Stick Eye Colour in Cocoa and Tuxedo, P1,250 each. 2 Eye Glacé in Wet Sand, P995.









# AINT WASH IQUID LIP

Finish your look with Paint Wash Liquid Lip Colour. This creamy, demi-matte, liquid lipstick stays on all day. Use the brush tip to line and define lips. Pat color onto lips with fingertips or using the flat side of the applicator.

Paint Wash Liquid Lip Color in Petal Pink, ₱1,250.

### **LASH LUST**

"Mascara is my best friend. I don't wear falsies, but I always try to make sure my lashes look good. My obsession began wher my mom gave me a tube of Dior Diorshow Mascara in my junior year of high school. I fell in love!"

Dior Diorshow Mascara, ₱2,000

**MAC Blush in** 

Modern Mandarin,

### **BEAUTY GAL**

"Shay Mitchell! It seems like we have the same skin tone. I like observing how she does her makeup so I can learn from her."



# KIANA VALENCIANO

There's more to this 22-year-old singer, host, and fashion blogger (kianavee.com) than her famous last name. Here, she dishes on her favorite beauty tricks and tools of the trade.

### **PARTY OF THREE**

"My kikay kit always has my Benefit Boiing concealer (the best one I've tried), Benefit They're Real Mascara, and MAC Blush in Modern Mandarin."

Benefit They're Real! Mascara, ₱1,300 they're Real! benefit

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### **AU NATUREL**

"I prefer to look natural when I go to events. Unless I'll be onstage, I don't feel the need to apply a lot of makeup. I usually only use concealer, powder, bronzer, eyeliner, and mascara."

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Burt's Bees Radiance Facial Cleanser, ₱850

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## **SKIN ROUTINE**

Trarely break out now, so I think my skincare regimen works! All of them come from Burt's Bees: I start with the Radiance Facial Cleanser, then the toner, and end with with Acne Solutions Moisturizer."

Burt's Bees Acne Solutions Daily Moisturiser, ₱1,450

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## MOTHER KNOWS BEST

Kiana is obsessed with mascara!

"My mom would tell me: You can pile on as much makeup as you want, but if you aren't a good person, it won't do much good for you." INTERVIEW) PATRICIA JAVIER. (VALENCIANO) PATRICK DIOKNO FOR BENCH B/BLOB AT BENCH COM, PH/BLOG. STILLS) COURTESY OF RESPECTIVE BRANDS. (MASCARA AND LIPGLOSS) JON PATERSON/STUDIO D. (BLUSH) JMUCKLE/STUDIO D.





STEP1 St gol Hair Pack

WHATTA B-ARGAN

This two-part hair pack provides protection while nourishing damaged locks. Etude House Argan Seed Hair Pack

+ Hair Serum, ₱58.

**EYE CANDY** Store shadow in this eyecatching case. Yazbukey for Shu Uemura **Custom Case** Duo, ₱500 (shadow refills not included).



HONEY CHILD

A fun and playful balm to make you feel like a kid again. TheFaceShop Dessert Lip Balm in Honey, ₱445.



MOISTURE HAND CREAM

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Keep mitts soft with nature's natural moisturizer-honey! TheFaceShop Honey Citron Tea Moisture Hand Cream, ₱295.

MELLOW YELLOW

Like a mood ring for your pucker, this lipstick creates a custom shade when worn. Fran Wilson Moodmatcher Lipstick in Yellow, ₱195



**SQUEAKY CLEAN** 

Natural Cellulose Sponge, ₱425.



Add a spring to your step with canary yellow toes. Art Deco Nail Lacquer in 081, ₱325.



**RAY OF LIGHT** Perk up peepers with a swipe of citrine shadow. Revion Colorstay Shadow Links in Lemon, ₱278.







# Radiance



A hint of glow goes a long way with these ultimate favorites. Dab Ever Bilena Face Powder that helps absorb excess oil and evens out skin tone for that blemish-free finish. For the lips, swipe on Ever Bilena Shade Lipstick which provides refreshing lip color.





















has an eight-step skincare routine she learned from her mother, who has a 10step routine. Jang theorizes that luminous Korean skin results not only from a disciplined regimen started at an early age, but also from habits and tricks picked up from other beauty trendcrazy Koreans. "It may also be the food we eat. Koreans are so health-conscious. We love 'eating for our skin'-mostly fruits and vegetables—and drinking barley tea," adds Jang.

Jang also believes taut skin stems from a gentle touch. "I've noticed makeup artists here can be a little harsh in the way they apply or remove makeup, such as stretching the eyelid when applying liner, or rubbing a cotton pad on skin harshly." She uses the cushiony side of her ring finger to lightly pat on products. "And, Koreans love using facial masks!" she adds.

To remove any possible Korean gene beauty bias, I consulted a woman known in the local beauty industry for her HD-worthy complexion, Agoo Azcuna-Bengzon, who carries serious beauty street cred as a Unilever Beauty Expert, Brow Guru and former beauty director of Preview and Cosmopolitan.

The skin devotee isn't Korean (she's Filipina-Chinese) but has sworn by her multi-step process for over 20 years. When I first met her, I was shocked to find

1 Etude House Moistfull Aloe Lotion, P628 2 Etude House Milky You Cleansing Milk, P648 3 TheFaceShop Chia Seed Watery Eye and Spot Essence, P1,195 4 Etude House Pearl Aura Brightening Essence, P898 5 TheFaceShop Chia Seed Sebum Control Moisture Cream, P1,395 6 Tony Moly Aquaporin Moisture Foam Cleanser, P398 7 Holika Holika 3 Seconds Starter Hyaluronic Acid, P535 8 TheFaceShop SMIM Radiating Moisturizing Essence, P1,995 9 Nature Republic Super Aqua Max Moisture Watery Cream, P665

out she was 10 years older than I had thought (she's 38). She was doing something right-I wanted in. I asked her to share her skin secrets with Cosmo.

Your thoughts on multi-step **Korean skincare?** The regimen may sound tedious and difficult to maintain, but after a while, you get used to it. I like that it's sort of a ritual and serves as my 'me time in the morning, and at the end of a long day.

How did this regimen change **your skin?** I've noticed a huge difference. I haven't had to see the derma for facials and my skin doesn't have the usual fine lines, large pores, loss of firmness or pigmentation associated with women my age.

How many steps are part of both your morning and evening **regimen?** I do 14 steps in the morning and 13 at night.

# Take us through your routines.

In the morning, I have four steps for cleansing (oil, wipes, cleanser, and makeup remover). Then, I use a toner, then apply three different anti-aging products (a serum, spot treatment for pigmentation and moisturizer). I follow with three products for my eyes (one for puffiness, one for wrinkles, one for dark circles). I apply SPF, then finish with a primer and face mist. At night, I do the same thing, except I use a mask and don't apply SPF or primer.

Your favorite products? I'm such a fan of Pond's Age Miracle line. I especially love the Firm & Lift Eye Contour Lifter. Their BB Cream is another excellent product— I use it every day.

Agoo Bengzon swears by her multi-step regimen!



# **WHAT IS ESSENCE?**

"A highly concentrated formula with active ingredients that target specific skin concerns such as wrinkles or uneven tone." -MS. JIN AHN, INTERNATIONAL TRAINING MANAGER OF THEFACESHOP





# 10 STEPS TO FLAWLESS

Everyone's regimen may differ according to their skin type or preference, but the basic 10-step skincare typically follows below.

- Makeup Remover
- Cleanser
- Exfoliant
- Toner
- Essence
- Emulsion or Ampoule (aka serums) Steps increase when
- Sheet Mask
- Eye Cream
- Moisturizer
- (AM) SPF (PM) Night Cream

Some Koreans top off their routine with a sleeping pack to add extra moisture and to lock in all the products they've just applied.





more than one

targeted serum is used

to treat different

concerns.

Etude House Play Therapy Sleeping Pack in Firming Up!, ₱448. Laneige Water Sleeping Pack, P1,400.

# ASK MERM **REVAMP** YOUR STYLE

We granted these CGs their makeover wishes. Cop the look you've always wanted with these simple tricks.



# I want ...

Geraldine Rivera, 25 account manager

"A dark, edgy lip can still look pretty when paired with dewy skin and minimal eye makeup. I added subtle black liner and one layer of mascara to her top lashes only," says makeup artist Archibald Tolentino.



Rasha Hizon, 26, sales executive

Rasha loves the carefree, beach waves of Victoria's Secret models. To get her straight locks wavy, hair stylist Ethan David wrapped sections of hair around a curling iron while leaving the bottom five inches of hair straight. "Rotate the direction of curls—curling toward the face and away—so waves don't look so uniform. Spritz with texturizing spray and run hands through hair," says David.

I want ...

NATURA

Lois Lane Monterey

18, student

Lois isn't much of a makeup gal so she's all about the "nomakeup" look seen all over the runways. Tolentino kept her flawless look simple with just five products: BB cream, an eyelash curler, mascara, brow definer, and blush.





GOT A BEAUTY Q? WRITE TO @COSMOMERM ON INSTAGRAM OR TWITTER TO GET YOUR ANSWER IN AN UPCOMING ISSUE.

# I want... M HAIR

Gev Cuevas, 19 intern

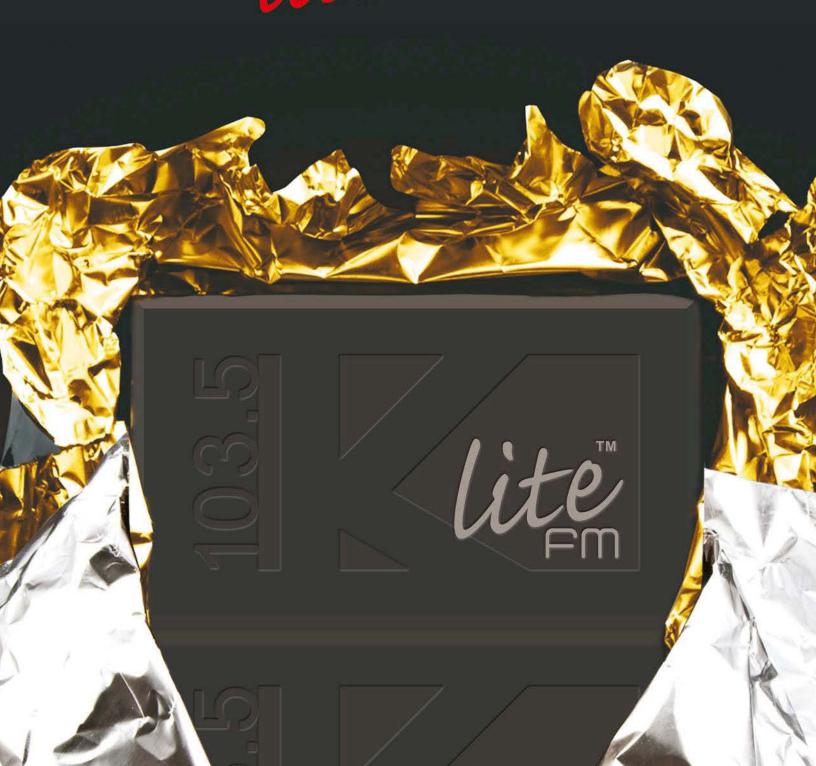
Snag old-Hollywood hair with a deep side part, curling sections of hair with a one-inch barrel. "Starting above the ear, curl each section toward the front of your face and make sure ends are curled under," says David, Run a fine comb through curls and sweep your mane over one shoulder. Slick back hair on one side and pin at the nape of your neck.





# YOUR HITS

# AND lite FAVORITES





8 TEXTS THAT= **FOREPLAY ALL DAY** 

9 A.M. "Can't focus on work. Already obsessed with seeing you tonight.

NOON "Hey, remember that time we [insert salacious memory here]?"

2 P.M. "So...what's your fave part of my body to touch?"

4 P.M. "I'm so distracted at work, and it's all your fault.'

6 P.M. "Next time I see you, once isn't gonna be enough."

7 P.M. "I'm lying in bed in just my panties. What would you do if you were here?"

9 P.M. "Well, I guess I'll just have to take care of myself.'

9:05 P.M. "Oh, you're outside the door? Be right there!"

# Upgrade Your Naughty Toy Drawer



behind—a fresh new twist on a classic

fondle.

# **HOTTER HANDCUFFS**

The 2015 way to kinkify a standard bang sesh: electric sex. The finger pads are your clit's BFF, featuring both regular vibration and gentle electrostimulation. How Fifty Shades of you! HELLO TOUCH X, jimmyjane.com

### **BETTER BULLET**

Meet the Ariana Grande of toys: small and adorbs but packs a serious punch. The twist? It comes with a handy finger ring, so it'll never slip your grip when you're getting busy with vourself.

KINKI STIX BULLET, adameve.com

# RACIER RING

Your current version has only one vibration setting and a tendency to shift around his shaft (so not clit-friendly), but this deluxe penis ring stays put and has seven snazzy vibe patterns.

OHMIBOD LOVELIFE SHARE VIBRATING RING, babeland.com

# **NEXT-GEN COND**

A truth universally acknowledged: Condoms are necessary but can be a bummer. Upgrade to these: all-natural and—oh, right thin as hell.

L. CONDOMS, thisisl.com

### RABBIT 2.0

No bunny ears, no problem. Toss your O.G. rabbit, and splurge on this one (at far left). Its "waving" motion is meant to simulate a finger on your G-spot, but its stubbier part (ears!) gives your clit some love too.

LELO INA WAVE, lelo.com

### **LUXURY LUBE**

A pure, simple blend of silicone and vitamin E that stays wetter longer. No midcoital reaching for the nightstand drawer with this silky-feeling fave.

ÜBERLUBE, uberlube.com





# **Position Ignition**

REIMAGINE YOUR GO-TOS IN BOMB NEW WAYS— AND NEVER BE BORED IN BED.



UPGRADE GIRL-ON-TOP

# THE WILD SEX **MARE**

Ramp it up by leaning back on your elbows and hooking your legs over his shoulders (not as hard as it sounds, really). Then raise your butt slightly so you're hovering as he thrusts. G-spot action + easy clitoral access=sexwin.

UPGRADE REVERSE COWGIRL

# THE STROKE SHOW

While giving him a VIP view of vour butt, use that control for shallow strokes. They stimulate the sensitive front third of your vag (nearest the opening). Once you're close to the finish line, go deeper.





UPGRADE MISSIONARY

# THE G-SPOT MISSIONARY

Stack a couple of pillows under your butt, and put your feet on his shoulders. It's a souped-up angle for G-spot stimulation...and an ab workout, because #Multitasking, bitches.

UPGRADE DOGGIE-STYLE

# THE FREAK ON A LEASH

Enhance the old standard by having him grab a pashmina and wrap it around your hips—he can use it to pull you closer. Who knew your tiangge scarf doubles as a sex prop?



UPGRADE YOUR SEX-TERTAINMENT

### YTU MAMÁ TAMBIÉN (AND YOUR MOTHER TOO)

"Nobody should have to choose between watching Diego Luna and Gael Garcia Bernal have super-enthusiasticsex. This movie has both. So tight."

-STACY R., 28\*

### L'AMANT (THE LOVER)

"A beautiful young Frenchgirlandan older(hot)Chinese businessman fall in forbidden love: Think a French Fifty Shades." -ELLE J., 30

### CW'S THE ORIGINALS

"I know vampires are done, but the whole 'biting and sucking your neck'thing? I love that." -VICTORIA K.. 22

### ATONEMENT (film adaptation)

"James McAvoy, period costumes, a dimly litlibrary, James McAvoy...um, this is anonymous, right?" -NATALIE W., 24

### **ASPORTAND** A PASTIME, by James Salter

"My boyfriend and I read it out loud to each other. We're dorks, but it works." —JULIE B., 27

\*NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THE KINKY CONSUMERS



+MOREPLAY Usually get oral with your legs spread like a cheerleader mid-herkie? Intensify your O by stretching your legs straight out, stimulating the pelvic muscles you use to climax. Go, team orgasm!





Cheat on your man with...your man! Here are a few tricks to make your next time feel like the first time.

e've all been there: You're with your BF (whom you love) at a party when you spot a hottie you can't keep your eyes off. You imagine him grabbing you into the coat room for a splendidly delicious quickie. Don't feel bad—it's perfectly normal to crave someone, ahem, something new. Research has shown that women are more likely to be turned on by a stranger or unfamiliar partner the longer they are in a relationship. Now, we're not saying you should go out and cheat, but getting a little strange is OK—and by strange we mean indulging in something you've daydreamed about.

# A HANDSOME STRANGER?

OK, the good news first: This can be incredibly exciting. You feel hot and naughty, like you're getting away with something. The bad news? You could actually get caught and not get away with it at all. OMG! The trick is to choose your location wisely and come prepared, so to speak.

You can play it safe with some booty in the bathroom at a party or nightclub. While everyone else is enjoying their drinks, you're enjoying a quickie in the ladies' room! If you're the outdoorsy type, think more secluded areas like parks, hiking trails, and campsites. A deserted beach is great right after sunset or before sunrise (read: no kids). Put a twist on backseat bumpin' by posting up on the top floor of a parking structure. Up the ante and do it on top of the hood instead of in the backseat. Department store dressing rooms and the back of movie theaters are always popular. But if you're really feeling adventurous, visit your honey on his lunch break, lock his office door, and enjoy an afternoon delight.

Wherever you choose, keep a few things in mind: This is not the time for a lot of foreplay. Get in, get out, and no one gets hurt. Always carry a blanket, a mini vibrator, and lube. You never know when the mood or opportunity may strike. Next, dress the part. Don't wear anything that takes too long to take off or put back on. Skirts are preferred, panties are not. And try to keep it down because you don't want anyone to hear you but you certainly want to be able to hear them. And for the love of all that's holy, don't drink too much and try to bone outside. Folks that get arrested for lewd behavior are also usually drunk.

# A NEW ADDITION

According to a recent study, we horny humans spend \$15 billion a year on sex toys. So every couple should think about adding some sex-cessories to their bedroom, especially because 70 percent of women need clitoral stimulation to get off. So what's hot? The We-Vibe 4 Plus is. It's a "couple's vibrator"

that fits snugly over your clitoris and up to your G-spot while your dude also enjoys the vibe. Bonus? It's now an app! He can send you "good vibes" while he's away! Also just hitting the market, manufacturer JimmyJane is replacing the "big daddy" Magic Wand with its own Iconic Wand. This bad boy is quiet, handheld, waterproof, and rechargeable. And if you're looking for something for your backside, Fun Factory has a delightful little plug called the Bootie. It's a perfectly flexible butt plug for beginners that will get you aroused but is still really comfortable. And speaking of...

# THE FLIP SIDE

To butt or not to butt...that is the question. More couples have been saying yes! According to a CDC study, 36 percent of women and 44 percent of men surveyed reported having anal sex at least once. So if you're curious, you can try a few things before anyone comes knocking on your backdoor.

Finger massage is a sensual way to get started. You or your guy can gently massage around your anus in a slow, circular motion with lube. You can return the favor if he's game.

Tongue play, or analingus, is not for everyone, granted. But if you're up for it, you're both in for a world of intimate hotness! Start by taking a shower together. You'll both feel more confident with all your parts nice and clean. The giver should then use his or her tongue in a flat, up-and-down, sweeping motion, but also incorporate breath, very light teeth, fingers, or toys.

When using toys and fingers, use lube generously. Your anus is not selflubricating, so use more than you think you need. Your butt will thank you.

If you decide to go full enchilada, the key is to stay relaxed. In fact, ideally, have an orgasm first! And anything going in you, be it finger, toy, or your man, should enter like a teapot pouring tea. Tipping and entering slowly, at a slight downward angle. Now teatime will take on a whole new meaning!

# **I** never thought I'd like this

BUT...

"ONCE I WAS WITH A GUY WHO SUCKED MY BIG TOE. HOLY CRAP. IT FELT QUASI-**ORGASMIC.**"

—ТАММҮ

**"MY PARTNER DECIDED TO SPICE** IT UP BY GENTLY PLAYING AROUND MY ANAL AREA. IT WAS FILTHY AND I LIKED IT!"

"I HAD NEVER TRIED BDSM **BEFORE. IT TURNS OUT I REALLY ENJOY BEING TOLD WHAT** TO DO."

-SUSANNA

-LORI

**"MY HUSBAND SET UP A THREESOME** WITH A SINGLE **GUY WHO WANTED** TO BE WITH A COUPLE. IT WAS AMAZING!"

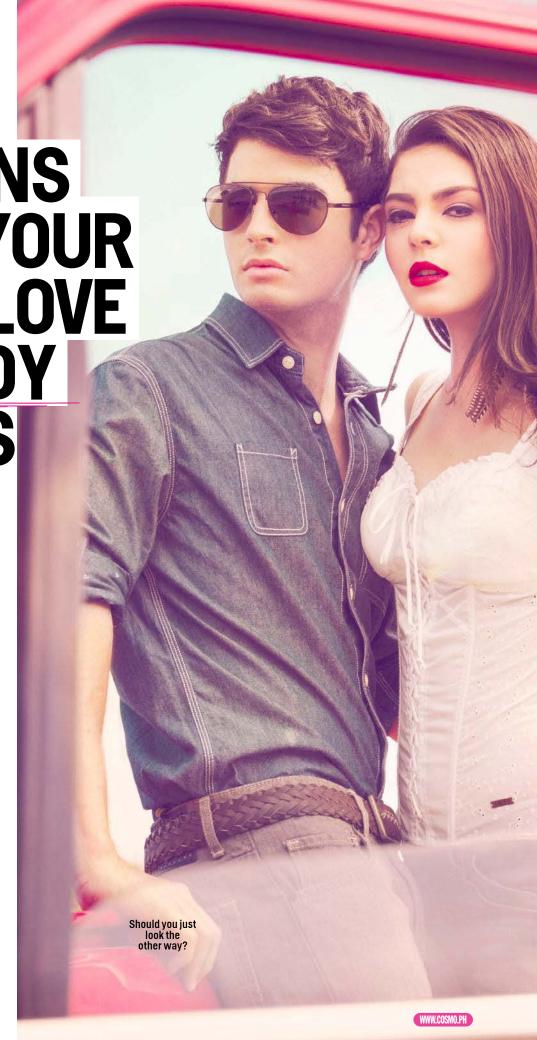
-WENDY

# WHAT **HAPPENS WHEN YOUR GREAT LOVE ALREADY HAD HIS GREAT** LOVE?

Their love spanned oceans. Her desire to make the world a better place tore them tragically apart. And then, uh... he started dating me.

ON MY FIRST date with Greg, he mentioned almost immediately that he'd recently ended a yearlong relationship. His ex, Jenna (not her real name), had gone to Thailand with the Peace Corps, and they'd mutually decided it was easier to end it than attempt longdistance. "It was really hard," he said. "One of the hardest things I've ever had to—"

I flagged down a bartender. "Um, can I get another drink, please?"





DESPITE MY misgivings, the first date gave way to a second, a fourth, then countless. The more I grew to like Greg, the more the nature of his last breakup bothered me. Unlike your garden-variety "we don't have sex anymore; give back my T-shirt" breakup, he and Jenna were still in love when circumstances tore them apart. It was one of those James Dean relationships that died too young and beautiful. For the next girlfriend—me—it was a hell of an act to follow. Jenna haunted our relationship for the next few months. She was in his Facebook profile photo, smiling with him in a pumpkin patch (he hardly used Facebook and there were other people in the photo, but still). They Skyped all the time. Eventually, I got so sensitive about Jenna that when Greg spoke fondly of her, it felt like a veiled criticism of me. For instance, when he mentioned that Jenna "genuinely cared about people," I felt like he was saying I didn't genuinely care about people. As in, every minute I'm writing for a magazine is another minute I'm not doing something Truly Altruistic, like training a seeing eye dog. I worried that Greg thought he had downgraded from Mother Teresa to Lauren Conrad.

BUT THE THING WAS, I was attracted to him and I really liked him. When we had debates about things like Twitter's effect on society, he found me challenging rather than argumentative...even when it ended with my informing him that handsome straight white men aren't allowed to have opinions on society. I'm sometimes absentminded when I'm engrossed in work, and he started sending me midday texts like: "Did you eat?" Irritatingly, the qualities I liked so much in him—being open, wanting to

# "IT WAS ONE OF THOSE JAMES DEAN RELATIONSHIPS THAT DIED **TOO YOUNG** AND BEAUTIFUL."

share stuff with me, seeing the best in people—were the reason he said nice things about Jenna. He wasn't being inconsiderate on purpose. He was just a good dude who has positive feelings toward his exes.

Four months into our relationship, Greg met my mom. It was the first time I'd ever introduced a guy I was dating to her, and she liked him a lot. At her house, I asked Greg offhandedly if Jenna knew about me. He shook his head. "We promised not to talk to each other about other people," he said casually. I froze, furious and embarrassed, tears welling up in my eyes. He was the first guy who'd ever met anyone in my family, and he wouldn't even tell his ex-girlfriend that I existed. I shut down and became icy. On the ride home, I started to cry. A big part of me wanted to run now, rather than settle for a relationship where I would always feel like the lackluster sequel to a Nicholas Sparks movie, but another part knew that would be jumping the gun and potentially wrecking something really good. I took a deep breath and said: "I want you to tell Jenna about me."

His response was calm and crazy-making in a way only a guy can be. He said, "I just don't see why you'd want me to hurt her for no reason."

GUILTY, I ACQUIESCED. But the next day at work, I reconsidered. I wrote him a long e-mail, my hands shaking. I

told him I thought the fact that he would rather hurt me than hurt Jenna was telling and that he might want to reevaluate how over her he really was.

He met up with me after work. After I'd sent my e-mail, he had Skyped Jenna and told her that he was in a serious relationship. It was a two-hour conversation. They had both cried and said they'd always be in each other's—I held up my hand. "Stop there, okay? Great."

"When Jenna and I started dating, we both knew she was leaving. Did I tell you that?" he asked me. (He hadn't.) "I knew there was a time limit. That was part of why I dated her."

This reframed things for me. Romeo knows Juliet's gotta peace at the end of the year and he ultimately doesn't love her enough to follow her to Thailand packs much less of an emotional punch.

"So you're saying if you loved her enough you'd have gone with her?" I asked, just to be sure.He thought for a minute and looked me in the eye. "Yeah. Definitely."

Now that we've been together for a year, a lot of my apprehension around Jenna has faded. Maybe their relationship was James Dean, but ours is Michael Fassbender: equally exciting and sexy but with more adult maturity, more depth, and very much alive. ■

# Your Guide to the Male Brain antopo



### One Sriracha Bottle

Props to the Harvard of hot sauce, but an empty fridge means he uses it only on takeout. Lazy hipster much?

# A Six-Pack and a Pizza Box With Leftover Crusts

The imbalanced diet of a seventh-grade boy. Close your eyes in his hathroom

# **Copious Ground Beef and Sausage Casings**

Makes his own kielbasa? Total alpha male.

### Chanterelle Mushrooms, San Pellegrino, and **Gourmet Cheese**

He's either loaded, mildly pretentious, or both. Make clear you are not his Eliza Doolittle.

# A Box of Random **Community-Sourced**

The dude had to learn how to cook a radish and other obscure weeds he gets stuck with every week. He's resourceful! Bodes well for banging.

### Gluten-Free Bread, Low-Fat Mayo, and **Soy Cheese**

It's awesome that he eats clean. But how long can you stand a dúde who thinks a charcuterie plate is worse than freebase cocaine?

IN JENNERAL

3 THINGS **BRODY JENNER WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT SEX** 



PEOPLE!



# **DON'TBESHY**

"My girlfriend and I both wanted a threesome but were scared to mention it. She finally suggested it, and when we tried it, itwasawesome!"



### TOUCH YOURSELF

"If you want sex and he doesn't, start masturbating—in front of him. Sounds crazy, but it will turn him on. It's happened to me, and it's worked."



# SEXTOY<mark>s are</mark> cool

"Some guys get offended if you bring themout, but explain that it's not that he's not aood enou<mark>ah. It</mark>'s iust another w<mark>ay to</mark> make you orgasm."

JENNER'S NEW SHOW, SEX WITH BRODY, PREMIERES JULY 10 ON E!

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RIP MAN WINKLE

# WHY DO GUYS... **SLEEP SO LATE?**

Guys love sleep because for a few golden hours, we're off the hook. The worst things happen when you're awake: traffic, root canals, your boss yelling at you, having to do laundry. In bed, we're free from the responsibilities and inconveniences of the waking world.

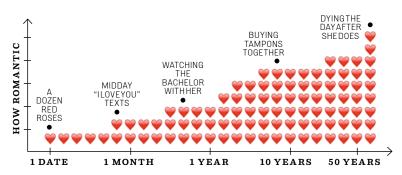
Really, there's no good reason to wake up early. Why be tired all day so you can beat the rush at the organic market? Is someone throwing a birthday party at 7 a.m.? That literally never happens. Plus, brunch was invented so we could eat pancakes in the afternoon—it's our obligation to honor that. If you're one of those perky types who wants to watch the sun rise, why not wait 12 hours? It looks the same when it's setting.

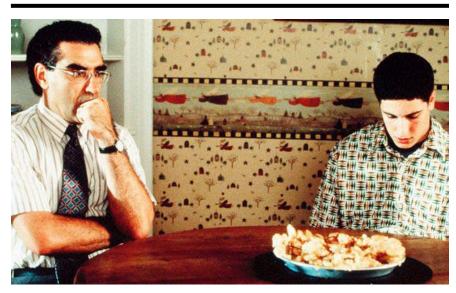
Most guys will emerge from hibernation for something really exciting—a road trip, for example. Men and women both love road trips, as you know if you've ever seen Crossroads or The Hangover. Some guys, I've heard, can be motivated with morning sex. But if you want to do the nicest possible thing for your boyfriend, let him stay in bed. Please don't wake him up just to keep you company. You wouldn't bring someone along to the LTO just because you have to go there. Waking up early is the LTO of being alive.

DARWINIAN DATE NIGHT

# THE BOYFRIEND'S "ROMANCE"

**EVOLUTION** Once he's seen you sans makeup and you know each other's pooping habits, what does he consider romantic? The answer may surprise you.





DADDY ISSUES

# **GUYS SPILL: THE BEST DATING ADVICE** THEIR DADS EVER GAVE THEM

Do fathers really know best? In honor of dads everywhere, we investigate. Spoiler: mostly.

"It's okay to masturbate.

Don't let anyone tell

you otherwise."

-WILLIAMT., 30

"The best relationships

begin when you're friends

first and it turns into



"Lock the bathroom door. Nothing kills romance like your girlfriend seeing you on the toilet."

—ADAM M., 23



"If a woman asks you how old you think she is, always say 25...within reason. If they're youngerthan 25, they want to feel older, and if they're older, they want to feel younger." —TIM B., 25

something more." -JORDANW.. 23 "Don't be a douche bag."

—JACK P., 23

"Martinis are like breasts. One is not enough, and three is too many. Two is perfect."

—BRIAN K., 31



"Sexisalot of fun and everybody does itbirds, bees, cavemen-but it's the best when it's with the right person. Then it really means something." —ZACH B., 24



Our definitive answers to 'What's your plan?'—and where you fit in.

What do we want to be thirty, forty years from now?

It sounds suspiciously like a question from a networker ("Gusto mo bang yumaman?") It's a toughie. To protect their sanity, some guys' horizons are less "endless vista," and more "I hope I survive to next sweldo."

But believe us, the future is definitely something do we think about. That, and how you fit into it. Because whenever we think about our future, we can't imagine it without you. (#AngLagkit.)

# 2 WEEKS FROM NOW A Nice Date

We will resist the temptation to spend our paycheck on a video game, and take you out to a nice resto instead. You know, the ones where the two of us don't have to line up behind the counter. Who knew that these kinds of places actually existed, right!? The world is so amazing. **HOW YOU FIT IN:** We'll finally be able to treat you! Just like on our very first date. (Which never happened again afterwards.)

# 2 YEARS FROM NOW **Auto of Our Own**

In three years, the entire world will be coasting around in sustainable hovercars that run on morning dew, and we will finally have saved enough money to buy one and pick you up for dates. **HOW YOU FIT IN:** Finally, a set of wheels you won't be embarrassed to be seen in.

# 4 YEARS FROM NOW A Condo To Call Home/ **Wild Party Place**

Welcome to our crib. Granted, our 'furniture' is entirely Monobloc, and Tita Meling hasn't made good on her promise to donate her spare electric fan, so you could say accommodations are a bit sparse. But we're proud of it all the same. All five square meters of it.

HOW YOU FIT IN: With living space that tiny, we'd be surprised if you could even (literally) fit in. But we will find a way to make room.

# **5 YEARS FROM NOW** Viral-Level SDE

'Yung tipong Iya Villania-Drew Arellano level. (Or Maggie Wilson-Victor Consunji.) 'Yung tipong lalabas pati sa Cosmo.ph, and they'll use sentences like "It's ~everything~" or "All the #feels," and will inspire comment threads ten times longer than your gown's train. That's how awesome our wedding will be. Now to beg for some money from your parents.

HOW YOU FIT IN: You're walking down the aisle, looking radiant. We're tearing up just thinking about it.

# 8 YEARS FROM NOW **Trip Around the World**

No more vacations to Novaliches for you and me! In fancy chino shorts, utterly redundant scarf, and, most importantly, no socks. we will lead you by the hand to countries we've only read about in travel blogs, like Bhutan, or Tanzania. We'll speak two foreign languages frequently, and when we do get lost in the trains, we'll chalk it up to just another adventure in the continuing saga of us.

**HOW YOU FIT IN:** If one of our seats gets bumped up to Business Class, we'll gallantly let you take it.

# 19 YEARS FROM NOW

Peg: Hugh Jackman

When we're in our midforties with two kids, it wouldn't be half-bad if we looked like Hugh Jackman, who can lift three times our body weight (and look like he hasn't eaten a carb since he made the first X-Men movie). Now that's a dad bod we can get behind.

**HOW YOU FIT IN:** We'd love to be your trophy husband.



In the interest of selfimprovement, here's our humble (and honest!) opinion.

Yes, we'll always be the first to say it: You're never supposed to be in a relationship with someone with the hopes of molding them into your vision of perfection. Dudes be human, after all, and we're meant to love you, despite the little things that annoy us. But really, you wouldn't take it against us if we just gave you just a tiny little nudge in the right direction, right? Maybe you'll even thank us for it.

# 1 YOUR INFERIORITY **COMPLEX.** Sowhat if

your best friend's already bought his own condo? Who cares if your little brother has already traveled to Europe and you can barely afford to gas up your car? We get that your innate competitiveness and millennial insecurity don't mix well (didn't you hear us going on and on about our cousin's huge rock of an engagement ring?) but when it's crippling your drive

to succeed on your own terms and on your own time, we think that's a darn shame.

Not the

threesome

we were expecting

# **2 YOUR ESSENTIALS,** MORE OFTEN. Do you

know why women invest so much in pricey underthings? Because they look and feel good. Maybe if you stopped wearing those bacon briefs and the socks you've had since high school PE, you'd feel a lot better about yourself, too (see Number 1). Yes, they're comfy AF, but those graying bits of cloth say more about you than your pricey Air Max sneakers or designer watch.

# 3 YOUR RELIANCE ON OKAY LANG." We ask

you anything and the answer is a shrug and these maddening words. We know you're speaking your mind (sometimes, the only appropriate answer really is "okay lang")

but surely there's more going on in there? How about warming up to the topic a little by offering a stronger opinion or a funny side kuwento? Keep this up and pretty soon we'll start thinking you're just okay lang, too.

# 4 YOUR WHAT-MIGHT-**HAVE-BEENS.** You guys

have the unique ability to simultaneously be wary of the future and depressed by the past. Yes, you totally could've made your college varsity team if you hadn't sprained your ankle. Yup,

we believe you when you say that shifting courses was a mistake. Uhhuh, maybe if you didn't get back with your ex the nth time you would've stayed friends. Newsflash: stop troubleshooting where you went wrong. Whatever you did, got you here, and we kinda think "here" is a pretty good place to be.

# **5 YOUR BATHROOM**

HABITS. Unless you're that rare breed of male who detests dirty bathrooms with the spirit of a tetchy grandma. Please, please do not be comfortable with haphazardly hung towels, blobs of spit-out toothpaste on the sink, damp toilet seats, and clothes on the

> floor. Kindly stash away those dog-eared FHMs. Please become friends with Mr. Lysol. Maybe we'd actually give in to that shower fantasy of yours if you set the scene right.

**WEASK YOU ANYTHING** AND THE **ANSWER IS A SHRUG AND A MADDENING** "OKAY LANG."

# **ASK HIM ANYTHING**

**ADVICE FROM** COSMO'S VERY OWN **GUY GURU** 



# Q I'm secretly dating my coworker, and we're really into each other. Should one of us leave our job if we start getting serious?

Falling for a coworker doesn't just happen on The Mindy Project. First, check your company rules. Some offices ban it when one employee reports to the other—so if one of you is the boss, someone might need to start job hunting. But before you go there, ask yourself: Do you see your romance making it in the real world—or are the flirty Snapchats just fun for now? Spend more time together outside work and try to find out. Unless you get real-deal committed, leaving your job is a crazy-big sacrifice.

Q I wasn't in the mood for sex and my boyfriend was, so he asked if I would show him my boobs and talk dirty to him to help him get there. Uh, should I really be providing masturbation inspo?

A Don't do anything you don't want to do. That said, this isn't the most abnormal ask. He's really just offering up a compromise. "I want you. How about at least some visual stimulation?" On the bright side, he'd rather fantasize about you than a porn star.

# QI just started seeing a guy, and my birthday party is coming up. **Inviting him means** he'll prematurely meet my friends and family. Not inviting him seems rude. Help!

A Don't try to hide the party or your anxiety about it. Just be honest and get ahead of the problem. Tell him it feels like a little bit too much, too soon to introduce him to everyone in your life. He should get it, because it's a pretty common-sense reaction. He might even feel the same way. Tell him you'd rather celebrate with him one-on-one.... He should RSVP to that party, stat.









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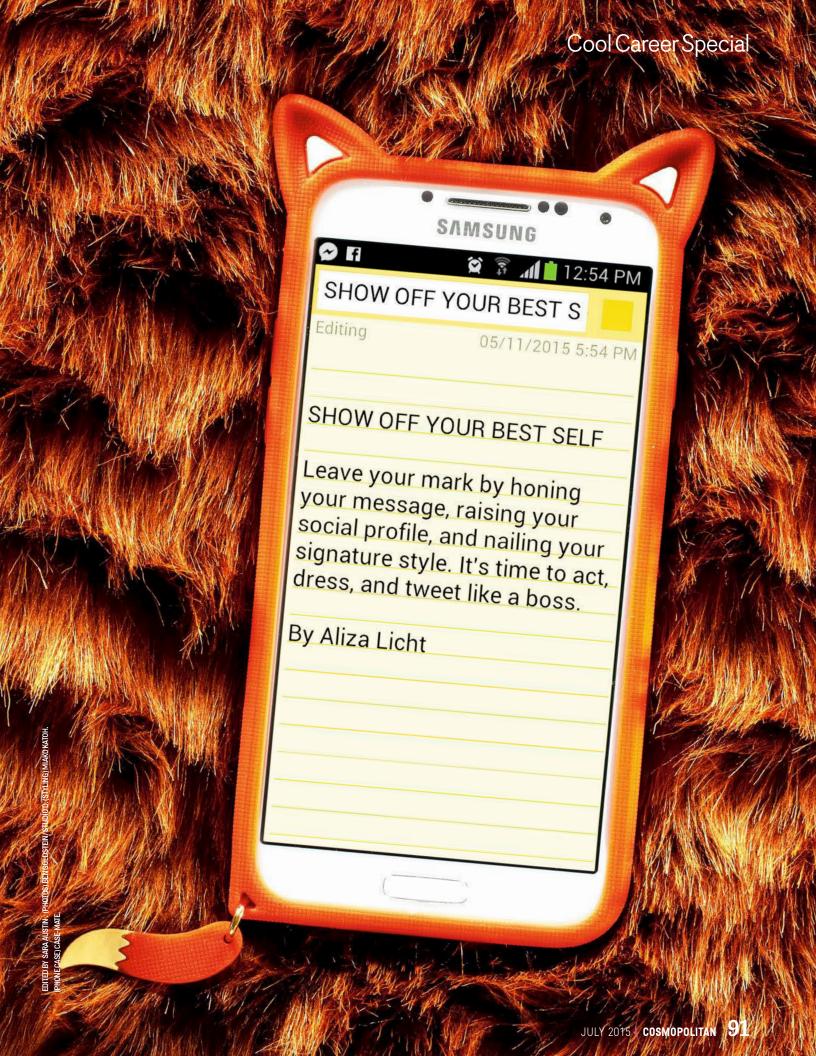




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As DKNY PR Girl, the voice behind @dkny on Twitter and the SVP of Global Communications at Donna Karan International, I have had the privilege of sharing my insider views on the glamorous, and sometimes not so glamorous, world of fashion in 140 characters or less.

Whether I'm tweeting about Oscar gowns that have gone missing at LAX or the ridiculous fashion-show ticket requests that come into my in-box, my tweets offer a juicy behind-the-scenes peek at fashion through the lens of public relations. But something interesting happened since I started DKNY PR Girl in 2009: Social media has also become a vehicle for me to mentor.

Take this example of a blogger named Jenna who I got to know through Twitter. She direct-messaged me one day asking if she could e-mail a few questions. She told me that she worked at an artificial turf manufacturing company but she loved fashion. I responded by simply writing, "Call me."

I had a lot of advice, and the bottom line was that if she wanted to break into fashion, she needed to be in New York. *Sigh.* I knew Jenna hung up the phone with a heavy heart and a swirling head.

Months later when Jenna called again and told me she'd packed up and moved to New York, I couldn't help but be impressed. She had taken our conversation seriously. She was hungry.

Jenna had been working at a PR agency in New York for six months when I started a search for a new assistant. Since I was looking for someone socially savvy, I asked the applicants to apply on DKNY's Facebook page. We received 300 applications, including one from Jenna. People treated the process like they behave socially—very casually. But they shouldn't have. I wanted to see if the applicants were savvy enough to know how to switch between social talk and professional communication. Jenna intuitively knew the difference. After a long, drawnout process, Jenna was the one. One tweet from a girl at an artificial turf company in Texas led to her dream job in fashion in New York City.

Jenna's clear talent and instinct to behave in the professional way she did made me want to help her. And that brings me to the biggest secret I've learned: How you communicate and influence others weighs just as heavily on your success as your skills and ideas do. When you spend all day strategizing how to make people perceive a brand positively like I do, you start to realize that the same principles can be applied to people.

My knowledge comes from nearly 20 years of experience, but I want to give you a cheat sheet on how to market yourself. Why wait to learn something the hard way when I can teach you now?

1 DEFINE YOUR

# **PERSONAL** BRAND

What is a brand? It's an identity. Branding is the art of aligning what you want people to think about you with what people actually think about you. You can decide what you want the public perception of you to be, and you can shape it. So the question is: How would your friends or colleagues describe you? Is that the message you want to convey? If it's not, you need to change it. You need to self-examine and decide what you want to stand for. Every person has something unique to offer. To know what that is, look at yourself from an outsider's point of view.

# **Craft your** personal brand.

Pretend for a moment that you are a public relations executive and your new client is you. Answer the following questions.

- Who are you?
- What do you want to be known for?
- What makes you special?
- What do people remember most after meeting you?

INSIDER TIP

Make a word

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# Write your bio.

Do a summary of you your professional and personal life—in the third person, which allows you to take a step back and not feel totally awkward talking about yourself. Pretend you're a journalist who is writing an article about you for the newspaper. Throw it all in there: vour looks. personality, education, job titles, hobbies, passions, talents. awards, charity work, family life.

# Read your bio.

Cozy up somewhere, and pretend you're reading about someone else. Do you like this person? Are you impressed by what she's done? What do you feel this person should change about herself?

# Make a word cloud.

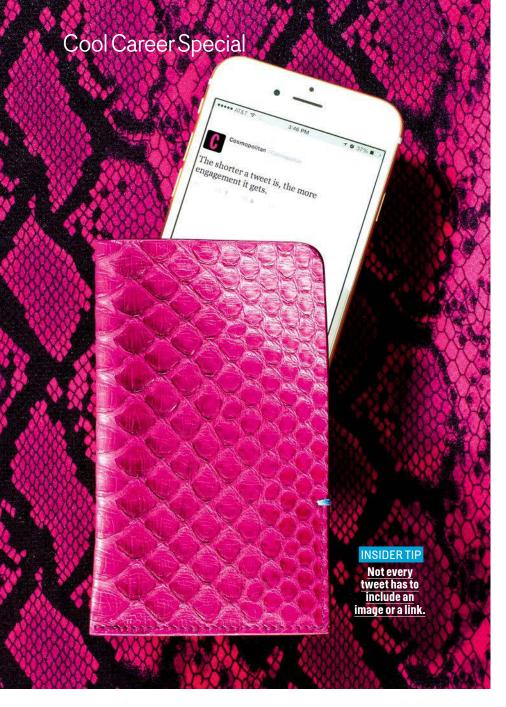
Pull the keywords in your bio that really summarize your story.

# Create a mood board.

Find an image for each word you pulled out. Take a step back. What do you want to keep? What do you want to change?

# Continue the story.

Think about where you want your journey to go. Continue writing your bio as if it has happened, but this time in italics—all your aspirations, everything you want to accomplish. This may sound like a lot of work and soul-searchingand it is. But when you're finished, you will know yourself so much better. Personal branding is about identifying the best version of you. It will allow you to perform better in every area of your life, no matter what vou do.



2 \_ KILL IT ON

# SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media has helped catapult seemingly regular people into personal brands. Hello, you're reading the words of someone who is a product of social media. What you post speaks volumes about you. That can be a good or bad thing. Just remember, when you're at a party this big, you better bring your manners—your personal brand depends on it.

# Find the platform and the number of platforms—that feels right for you.

You don't need to be everywhere. Masterone or two platforms first, and grow from there. Plan your strategy on the kind of content you have to work with. For example, if you're not really going to have strong visual assets, consider skipping Instagram until you do.

# The profile picture and bio in social media are like your résumé.

Don't leave them blank.

# Posting and engaging with your followers regularly will grow yourfollowing.

You have to start the conversation and follow the conversation. Out of sight, out of mind strongly applies here.

# Listen before you speak. Growing up, we weretoldtothinkbeforewe speak.Insocial media, you needtolisten (i.e., read). **Knowwhat conversations** people are having before you chime in.

# Scratch people's

backs. When you can't think of anything original to post, try helping others get their thoughts out there. Giving voice to other people's posts by sharing them is a gracious move and one that's always returned in spades. It's also a great way to build your follower base.

# Embrace yourself.

The truer vou are to yourself, the happier you'll be anyway. If you love to cook, for example, share some funtips that position you as an expert. If you're someone who loves staying home and watching movies, why not become your own movie critic and post

reviews socially? There are a lot of ways to prove your worth, and providing some kind of service to your followers is always a great tactic.

# Don't beg.

Do you beg for friends in reallife?Idoubtit.Sowhy would you beg for friends online? How you build a follower base is the result of three things: (1) putting out great content, (2) engaging with people who speak to you, and (3) proactively reaching out to others.

# Strike up a conversation online.

Ask someone a smart question, or compliment something he has recently accomplished.

# Inspire!

People love to be inspired. That's why quotes, whether motivational or encouraging, go a long way in the social space. Quotes are pretty much a given to be retweeted, which will grow your audience exponentially.

### Curate your timeline.

Retweeting five times in a row might give off the idea that you don't post original content. I believe in an eclectic timeline. Start with posting original content, then respond to some comments, and finally share other people's content. You want to show that you are both speaking and watching the various conversations throughout the day. Check your timeline once in a while, and see if you think it would look good to someone who doesn't know you.

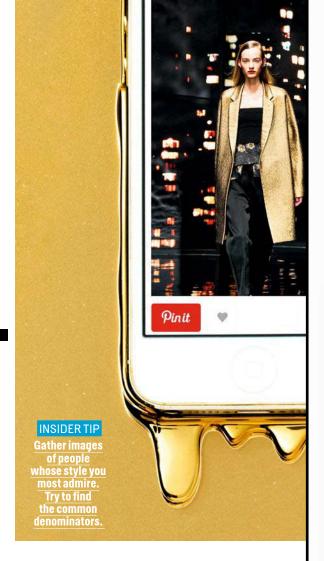
# Filter what you say.

If you wouldn't feel comfortable running a full-page ad of your tweet in the newspaper, don't postit.

3 \_ CREATE YOUR

# OWN LOOK

I once had a very open conversation with a stylist friend who wanted to put his client in Donna Karan New York for a movie premiere. Celeb X wanted to be fresh, relatable, all-American. "That's why we're not putting her in European designers anymore," he said. "She's the chic girl next door." Just like that, Celeb X's new style image was born. Style is one factor in creating your personal brand, and it's probably the easiest way to reinvent yourself. You may think that having a strong sense of personal style doesn't matter for what you want to do. but I promise you that it leads to confidence in other more important areas. Your style needs to empower you to take on the world each day. That's what fashion does for me. It gives me the energy and confidence to tackle whatever comes my way. Well, that and coffee.



Know your body! Certain styles look better for your shape than others do. Don't convince yourself that you should be able to wear everything.

# Getstyle-inspired.

Gather images of people whose style you most admire. Try to find the common denominators.

# Record best outfits.

Believe it or not, a good style moment can be forgotten in a nanosecond. If you find a great look that made you feel wonderful, write it down, or betteryet, photograph it.

Store your go-to clothes together. These are the pieces that never let you down. The pants that fit no matter what you ate that week. The shirt that never wrinkles. When you are pressed for time, you want easy access to the items that work.

Hang by look. If you're organized, keep some of your important looks together. It helps immensely insaving you time and helping you remember what that great out fit is.

### Keep your job in mind.

No matter how much fun you want to have with your style, do remember the job you have.

Identify a signature item. Repetition is reputation. For me, it's the red lipstick and red nails.



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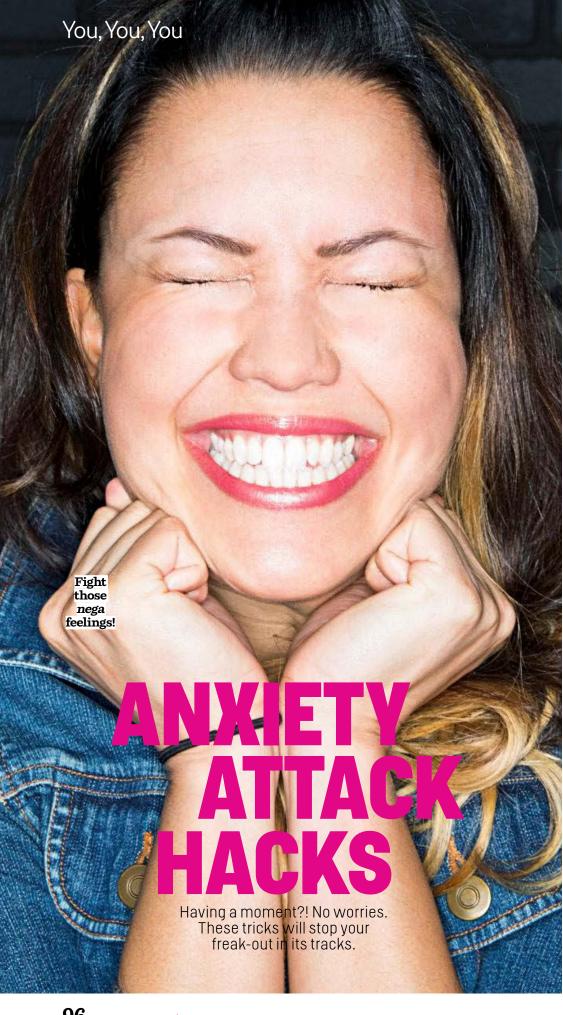






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YOU'RE RUNNING LATE This seems like a super-frustrating sitch that you have no control over-which, TBH, it kind of isbut it's not so bad! "Your own thoughts, like this traffic is endless or my boss will flip, often cause stress," says Greta Hirsch, PhD, clinical director of the Ross Centerfor Anxiety. "Your brain is confusing possibility with probability."

TRYTHIS Drown out negative messages by listening to a playlist you find engrossing. Better still: Sing along. "When we use our vocal cords, it sends a signal to our brain that we're okay," says Kelli Walker, RN, a panic and anxiety coach.

YOU CAN'T SLEEP First, don't look at the clock. Watching minutes tick by creates the opposite physical response (a rush of adrenaline and cortisol, rapid heart beat, and sweating) of the relaxation you need to doze off, Hirsch says. Second, don't grab your phone or Kindle. "Screens cue our brains to get up and get moving," says Walker.

TRY THIS Instead of fighting it, accept that you're not sleeping but you are resting, and meditate on how awesome that is. Suggests Hirsch: "Take deep breaths as you repeat thoughts like my bed is delicious, I love the feel of my blanket, it's quiet."

YOU'REIN A SPAT Fights with a BF or BFF can easily escalate from mildly distracting to all-consuming since our instinct is to overanalyze. "Don't equate not calling with not caring maybe he's in a meeting, maybe she's sleeping in," says Hirsch. "It just sends  $your \, anxiety \, up \, and \, your \, mood \, down."$ 

TRYTHIS Assign a specific worry window. "Take a walk with a coworker, and make that the 15 minutes when you focus on the issue," Hirsch suggests. "Then, that's it." Not only does activity expend energy, but a scenery change helps you associate your desk with work time once you're back.

YOU'RE NERVOUS When your hands are shaking before an interview or your heart is racing pre-first date, rememberthat anxiety isn't just normal in these situations, it's good. "Anxiety motivates us," says Hirsch. "Otherwise, we wouldn't prepare; we'd show up in gym clothes."

TRYTHIS Literally chill out: For a few minutes, dip your hands in cold water or hold a cool drink on your tongue. "This triggers the vagus nerve, which signals the body to calm down," says Walker. Now go crush it.

"Step away from it. I have thousands, maybe millions, of positive social-media comments. but if I see something negative, I'm upset. So I reaffirm to myself that I'm not what this person, who doesn't know me, says. Talking it through with a friend really helps too."

-LAVERNE COX, ACTRESS, ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

"I LOOK THROUGH WHAT ELSE A TROLL IS POSTING. OFTEN, THEY'RE BAITING ANYBODYTHEYTHINK WILL ANSWER. THAT HELPS ME REALIZE HOW IMPERSONAL IT IS AND HELPS ME TO STOP REPLYING!"

MEG CABOT, AUTHOR, ROYAL WEDDING

"AT FIRST, I WAS DRAMATIC ABOUT PEOPLE BEING HATEFUL ABOUT MY WRITING AND MY WEIGHT. NOW, IT'S ALMOST KIND OF FUNNY. SOMETIMES I'LL READ A COLORFUL INSULT AND THINK, THAT'S TERRIBLE, BUT WOW, YOU **GOT CREATIVE THERE!"** 

ANNA TODD, AUTHOR, THE AFTER SERIES

"Mute and Block. It works not only on Twitter. The first people that haters probably hate are themselves, hence they take their insecurities out on other people in an attempt to feel better.'

LEA SALONGA, SINGER AND JUDGE, THE VOICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

"I MADE THE MISTAKE ONCE OF TAKING SIDES ON WHO ELENA, MY VAMPIRE DIARIES CHARACTER, SHOULD END UP WITH. IT WAS LIKE PUTTING A TARGET ON MY HEAD! BUT IT GOES TO SHOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, SOMEONE'S GOING TO BE UNHAPPY. TELL YOURSELF THAT SOCIAL MEDIA IS LIKE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ADULTS-BUT WORSE-AND GET OVER IT."

-NINA DOBREV, ACTRESS, THE VAMPIRE DIARIES

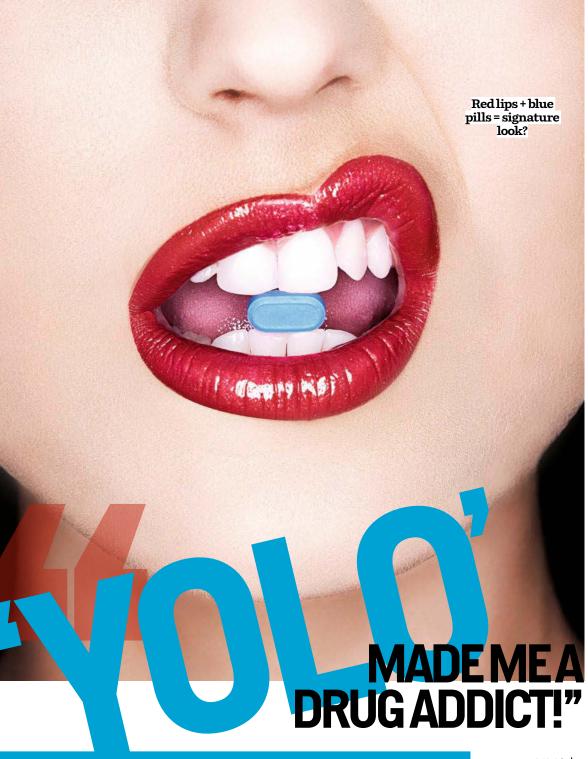
"I'm getting hit hard over my female Ghostbusters reboot. But if I fire something back, I'm giving the haters an audience. Being small-minded is their cross to bear. I won't fall down into their world—it's not as nice as mine.'

-PAUL FEIG, DIRECTOR, SPY



# SHAKE **OFF** THE **HATERS**

It's easy to get sucked down a despair spiral after a nasty comment on your Instagram or Twitter feed. Stop! We got advice from people who have been there on how to keep it all in perspective.



Can partying hard really turn into substance abuse?

"So, I was lying on the bathroom floor, wondering exactly how I got home last night, before realizing my underwear was missing. You know what else was missing? My car. It wasn't in the driveway! I had to call the guy I was with to ask if he had driven it, or if I left it here at the Fort..."

I trailed off, waiting for the big laugh that usually followed when I recounted my Saturday-night shenanigans to my high school *barkada* at our usual Monday-night coffee catch-ups. My best friend Maia just said: "Again, Meggy?" She looked at me, sadly, and suddenly I felt both indignant and fearful. Didn't they see how funny it was?

Hi, I'm Meggy, and I'm an addict—or just a girl who knows how to have a good time, depending on who you're asking. I still remember the first spliff I smoked. I was fresh out of college and a bad relationship, and some college buddies brought a baggie to a party. I liked how

chill everything was when I was on weed. How the future wasn't all up in my face, all pressing and urgent with its What-Nows and How-Do-Yous.

It didn't take long for me to start scoring my own stuff—my new job at a marketing research firm and a solo condo subsidized by my parents aided and abetted my newfound habit of coming home, kicking off my shoes, and smoking up 'til I got the munchies so bad I'd eat a whole pizza for dinner. Everyone I knew smoked weed to a certain capacity—at house parties, on Sunday nights at home—so why was my daily ritual any different? My high school friends would come over and never comment on my steadily growing collection of glass pipes—a friend even got me one for Christmas, for crying out loud. I was far from addicted—I knew I could stop anytime. I was just being a cool, independent adult who made her own life choices.

I did stop smoking weed every day, some time later, when I met new friends from work who knew that the best way to get over the tedium of our jobs was to dance it all away at all the latest hotspots. I

wore party-ready outfits under my staid work blazers and learned how to wing my eyeliner. I was young, single, flush with cash (not really—my salary was meager and often spent on overpriced cocktails). I was just living like any other girl my age. Mondays to Wednesdays I'd be a proper working girl who sometimes bought her mother dinner, but Thursdays onwards? I was that girl who bought Jaegerbombs for everyone and made out with that hot expat before puking all over herself in a classy, gilded bathroom. My weekends were like one long, heart-pumping set with an awesome DJ—until the inevitable Sunday night crash and I'd reach for a

joint to steady my frayed nerves before Monday rolled around again.

I'd been partying hard with my work friends (and new ones I made along the way) for a few months when I gained

entrance to an entirely different kind of party the kind that only started when you popped a little colored pill.

I wasn't worried about taking Ecstasy—I felt safe, surrounded by people I trusted. We'd load up at a cheaper watering hole, pop one, then head to one of our usual spots (they all start to look the same, honestly, a few solid weekends later) where the music seemed to be louder, the drinks

went down better, I'd feel sexier, and every guy in the room became more attractive. I was young and I'd never felt so alive. I left the real world outside my stressful dead-end job, my mom's serious illness, fights with my siblings about money, our dad's drinking—the moment I slipped inside the throbbing confines of a superclub, hopped up on the free E I scored by flirting with a guy I met through Tinder. Yup, Tinder, where  $I\,met\,cute\,semi\text{-}douchebags\,I'd\,get\,high$ with, then hook up with. My closest friends knew I met guys through Tinder, but I didn't admit the meet-ups were always laced with the promise of free drugs. Heck, it took me a while to admit that to myself. I wasn't being liberated or brazenly exploring my sexuality—I was whoring myself out for free E.

My life soon became an endless crazy carousel ride: spending all my suweldo on new shoes, weed, and drinks, casual (unprotected!) sex in random hotel rooms and condos, driving home drunk and high missing an earring, my bra, or a shoe, toking up at work to defray the inevitable Ecomedown... But I was entranced by the garish, flashing lights and too-loud music, and I didn't know people had started to notice how I'd come to work still reeking of scotch and cigarette smoke, how I'd lost weight, how I was perennially down for a good time and not much else (I'd skipped quite a few Monday-night coffee dates with my best friends by then).

It astonishes me now how I managed not to drop dead from all the drugs. I don't remember feeling shame, fear, or anger at all when awkward situations (read: passing out on sidewalks) arose

while I was high—I loved both E and marijuana for that. Emotions were intense, but fleeting. So much was happening in my life, I craved feeling in control, which I ironically only got when

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I lost control of myself  $and lived in the \, moment.$ 

For a solid year, weeknight weed sessions led to joints for breakfast, one E tab on Friday night became two daily from Thursday night to Saturday. I ducked Sunday family dinners. I ignored friends who didn't party with me. I became broke doing damage control: ER trips for ankles and wrists I sprained falling down the stairs at bars,

spontaneous hotel room bookings, a raging online shopping addiction I developed on Sunday comedowns. But I wasn't too worried. The literal highs I paid for with my savings (and sometimes with sex), the inevitable crippling loneliness and self-doubt that came with the comedowns, the isolation

I felt even in the middle of a crowdwasn't this all part of being an adult? I'd never felt so grownup. I mean, when you look at your friends' Insta feeds, aren't they all partying, drinking, looking like more sophisticated versions of their highschool selves?

"Again, Meggy?" That was the exact moment I realized how my life looked to my strait-laced best friend. How many stories like this had I recounted to her, and did I just imagine her laughing with me? How many random dudes I admitted I slept with, how many too-close-for-comfort brushes with danger or the law I narrowly escaped while high, how many times had I kept silent on Viber groups only to resurface with

another kuwento about how much fun I was having? Maia wasn't about to let me go on living like, as she put it, "some loser who needed drugs to be happy." I was angry with her for judging me; I didn't think I needed help. Besides, she was in a stable relationship and had a job she loved—who was she to talk? But she was as strong-willed as I was belligerent. She forced me to take a beach trip with her over Holy Week, not letting me drink a single drop the whole time. She cleaned my condo and threw out every single drug-related thing she found. Forced me to attend yoga with her. Get mani-pedis. Eat out—I was alarmingly skinny; she said anorexia didn't look good on me.

Luckily, the same spinelessness that got me into the whole drug-addled partying in the first place saved me. I meekly allowed my best friend to take control of my life over the next few months, but refused to see a therapist because that would make it seem real. I now think that whole year was a giant cry for help: I had trouble living in the real world, and it took a real friend to see that and see me through. I've stopped taking E and smoking weed, and the only alcohol I drink is the wine we have

> nights. I deleted my Tinder account. because I am still too tempted to flirt with guys that are bad for me. It's still a long process. learning to take care of myself and really take control, and not resort to chemicals to carry me through my problems. I know I'm luckier than others—I didn't get an STD or fall pregnant, I didn't OD, I didn't do anything to irreparably hurt myself or others. A lot of people say crazy-hard partying is a phase we all

must go through

and outgrow, but

seriously, there's

more to life than

right away.

YOLO—I'm glad I

learned that lesson

with our weekly

pizza-and-movie

# HELPAFRIEND

Think a loved one is suffering from substance abuse? Get the 411 from Malyn Cristobal, a certified addiction counselor and founder of the Living Free Foundation.

LOOK FOR: "Changes in behavior towards loved ones, withdrawal from gatherings, unmanageability at work or school, money issues, inconsistencies like a quick temper or suddenly not taking care of herself. **INTERVENE ASAP.** When she is sober, tell you've noticed something different and assure her you are there for her. If she responds negatively, call **ADJUSTYOURATTITUDE.** Don't sweep the problem under the rug, or resort to anger or negativity. "You need to be firm and consistent with her. Substance abuse disorder is an illness—she needs treatment, not punishment. Commit to helping. "The significant people in her life need to be educated about the illness and how they can be part of recovery." If you want to help, you also need help—have your own support group as well. If you're directly affected by a person's substance abuse, you might need to deal with your own trust, anger, or denial issues.

# EFORE

So you're finally ready to commit. Whether you've saved up to buy your very first car or want to upgrade to that new model you so deserve, here's the lowdown on making that major investment.

Whether you've been driving for years and have been using an old hand-me-down, want to upgrade your current one, or are just about to start driving, investing your hard-earned moolah in a car is serious business.

There are many factors to consider—do you have enough cash for the downpayment? Do you have good credit history? Once you're financially ready, decide if you want a second-hand model or a brand new one, and understand the responsibilities you'll have to take on for its upkeep. Read on before you set out to find that match made in car heaven.

# SOMETHING OLD...

It's perfectly fine if a second-hand car is all you can afford, just be extra careful when going pre-loved. Choosing a second-hand car is like choosing a potential boyfriend—aside from getting to know him, you need to do a background check and fish for his dating history. Look for any telltale signs that reveal why its previous owner decided to let it go. Top Gear Philippines' consumer editor Botchi Santos steers us in the right direction when going down this road:

# Check for signs of abuse:

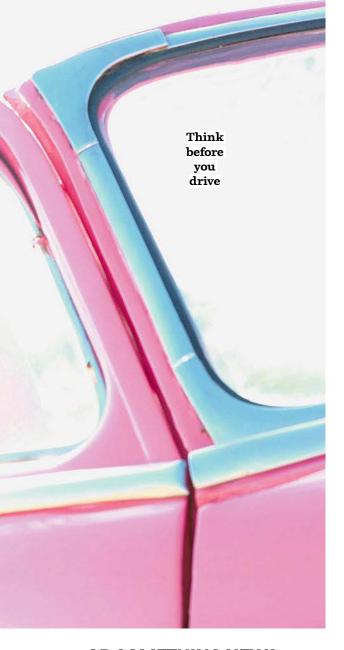
Dirty engine bays, faded paint jobs, worn and misaligned tires and unnecessary noises. "Are there weird knocking, slapping, rattling, and screeching noises and vibrations? Does the car emit smoke? If it's a 'Yes', walk away," Santos stresses.

# Do an extensive background

**check.** Inspect the car's warranty booklet—has the car been regularly serviced? Do the mileage records match the car's actual condition? Read the full service history to check if the car has been damaged by floods. Cars that are wellmaintained will give you value for money.

"Your car should satisfy your rational needs and requirements while providing an emotional connection as well."

TEXT) KARA SANTIAGO. (PHOTO) SHUTTERSTOCK



# ...OR SOMETHING NEW?

Yay if you have the budget to go brand-new, but the endless options can be overwhelming. David Asuncion of Mazda Philippines recommends that you consider these factors before making that commitment.

Make sure the car meets your criteria. Buying a new car is like deciding whether or not to commit to a guy you've been seeing—there are certain mental, emotional, and physical characteristics that you look for and can't go without. Santos advises, "Your new car should satisfy your rational needs and requirements while providing an emotional connection as well. Most people consider a car as their second biggest investment next to a house. A car should make you feel good and happy whenever you see it, use it and drive it. If you don't like the car you'll be using every day, it'll be money poorly spent."

**Prioritize safety.** "The most important technical aspect to consider should be safety—minimum safety equipment include: driver and passenger

airbags, an anti-lock braking system (ABS), and traction control. Fuel efficiency is a must to maximize your money's worth along with maintaining good driving habits," Asuncion says.

Don't sacrifice comfort. Driver and passenger comfort are key for long drives, while agility and ease of driving make a car ideal for the city. A model like the All-New Mazda2 SkyActiv prioritizes high levels of safety and handling for road trips while providing sensitive sensory features for driving in urban areas.

### Check out car maintenance services.

Car brands usually provide maintenance at authorized service centers, but Mazda is the only brand that offers free preventive maintenance service and emergency road side assistance for the first three years. This keeps your car in tiptop shape for longer and allows you to save on maintenance expenses.

# Research, test, and evaluate.

Before making a final decision, make sure you research your choices thoroughly and compare all your options side by side. It also helps to seek the advice of car owners whose judgment you trust. When you've made your choice, visit your nearest dealer and take the car out for a test run. You'll know it's right for you after you've experienced the feel of the ride. Once you're absolutely sure, sit down with your agent and discuss the easiest payment options for you. Asuncion advises, "Choose the [scheme] that best manages your down payment and monthly payments at the shortest allowable period without jeopardizing your

monthly expenses." That way, you can enjoy not only the freedom of mobility but financial freedom as well.

# FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE...

Since you'll not only be driving your biggest investment (as well as putting your life in your own hands behind the wheel) you should know how to deal with inevitable car trouble on your own (your dad or BF won't be there to save you forever!). Start with these basics:

# Get regular maintenance checks.

Visit your mechanic for a regular tune-up every eight to 12 months. Check if they use quality functional fluids from trusted brands like Prestone (engine oil, brake fluid, coolant) and change them every 40,000 kilometers for safer drives. Be observant about little noises you may hear from your vehicle, too. These usually signify problems you have to notify your mechanic about.

**Get insurance.** Nothing is more convenient than having a number to call for any road mishap (no need to change a tire vourself in the middle of EDSA!). Car insurance companies now offer full-service plans, so there's no reason for you not to avail of them.

Participate in forums for **support.** The online community is very helpful about sharing car maintenance tips and tricks. Check out **tsikot.com or topgear.ph** for the latest information on car care topics.



THE SECRET TO BEING HAPPY

**LAUREEN UY** 

Since her fashion blog *Break My Style* blew up five years ago into an online phenomenon, life has never been the same for her. Here, the 25-year old reveals a side of her that her massive following won't often see in social media.



# STOPPING THE CYCLE OF SADNESS, NO MATTER HOW HARD

My angkong's (grandfather) unexpected death devastated my family. I had lived with my parents and grandparents all my life, and was planning to move out before he died. I decided to stay in the family home a little longer, to make sure my family was okay. Even as the youngest, I knew I had to be strong, especially for my parents, to show them life must go on, and that feeding off on each other's sadness wouldn't help at all. Grief is natural, but I had to do my part to keep sadness from consuming us.

# **KILLING THEM WITH KINDNESS**

People are surprised to know I was bullied in grade school—my classmates called me names like basurera. For five years, I woke up every day not wanting to go to school, but this never pushed me to change schools just to escape my misery. My siblings graduated from the same school, so I didn't want to quit just because of that. I haven't seen those bullies since then, but I will never forget their names and faces. People ask what I'd say to them if I ran into them now, but it's not like I'd take revenge on them—I'll just kill them with kindness!





# EMBRACING SPONTANIETY!

My sister Liz and I were taking fashion classes at Central Saint Martin's in London last year, and I got so inspired by the girls I saw on campus. The fashion vibe in London is so edgy, cool and electric that one day I just decided, in the middle of my studies, to cut my hair, dye it green, and get bangs. It was a surprise for me and for my followers, but I loved just jumping right into it. Work aside, I make myself happy by just trying to be as spontaneous as I can. On normal days, nothing makes me happier than good music and dessert!

# A GREAT SUPPORT SYSTEM

When people learn I'm Liz's or Vince's sister, they automatically think I had to carve my own path in the biz so I wouldn't be compared to them. Actually. I'm proud to be their sister! My siblings have always been behind me in all my endeavors. When I started my online clothing store Style Break with my best friend Katrina Loring, our first few collections consisted of ripped and dyed DIY shirts. For our first lookbook, Vince did the creative direction, Liz helped me style, Jasmine (Curtis-Smith, already my friend back then) modeled, and Solenn (Heusaff) did her make-up! We weren't an established line back then we did it just so we could earn extra baon—pero kinareer ang production

crew! Even now that my job has gotten bigger, my siblings and friends still have my back. I'm thankful for that every day.

Manila but dreaming of Boracay!"

# TRYING TO LOVE YOURSELF, EVEN WHEN ALONE.

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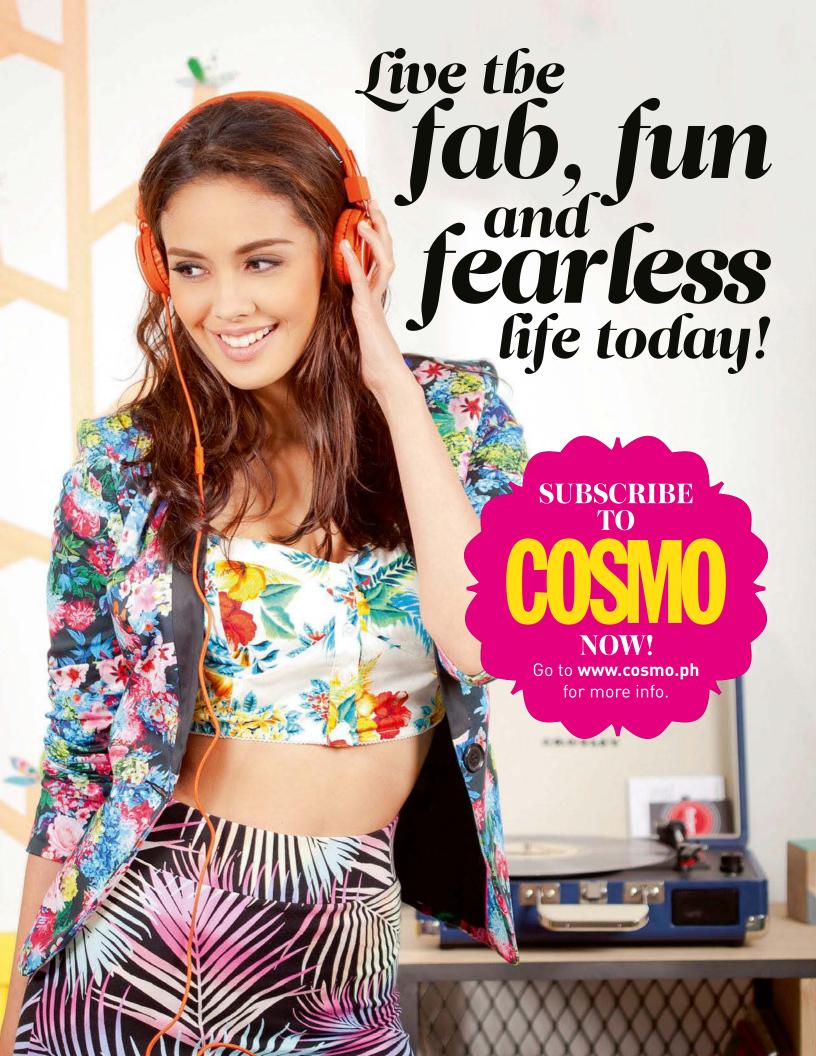
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Being in a relationship really makes you happy. But, having just ended a yearslong relationship, I'm now trying to enjoy my time as a single woman. I won't lie though, it's a process. I distract myself with work and focus on ticking things off my busy schedule. I can't say that I've fully recovered—I still can't travel alone, which is why trips with friends and spending time with my family are my priority. I think my family appreciates it! I try to think that everything is going to be all right, and that learning to love myself is the only way I can be truly happy, and if I'm happy, then I will definitely attract the person who's right for me.

# why a Good Hair Day is a Great You Day

Studies show looking good increases our self-esteem and psychologically triggers a positive impact on our lives, so activities like styling or coloring your hair can, in fact, turn your day around.

AS TOLD BY VIVIAN DILLER, PH. D. IN THE ARTICLE "THE PSYCHOLOGY BEHIND A GOOD HAIR DAY," ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN WWW.HUFFINGTONPOST.COM.



Turn off your phone for 30 minutes and just be for a bit. Incessant scrolling does nothing

for your sanity.

FINALLY, **JUST TAP** "UNFOLLOW."

COSMO COMMANDMENTS

# **10 WAYS TO** START FRESH

Look over your goals list and rephrase every should into can. How's that for an attitude shift?

Forgiveness is release. Repeat to selfwhen necessary

Send that "Hey, I'm sorry" note you know is long overdue. Nothing is ever too little, too late.

Power through your morning shower with a specially made Spotify playlist. Good mood. guaranteed!

Simplify your Sundays a morning run, coffee with the boyf—instead of cramming every.little.

errand in one day. **Then maybe Mondays** won't be as tough?

8 LOOK AT ALL THE UNCHECKED TO-DOS ON YOUR LIST AND ASSESS WHY YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN AROUND TO DOING THEM—MAYBE SOME OF THEM AREN'T AS VITAL OR URGENT AS YOU THOUGHT THEY WERE?

9 Wear new shoes or a different shade of lipstick to work come Mondav and start the week on a high (and gorgeous!) note.

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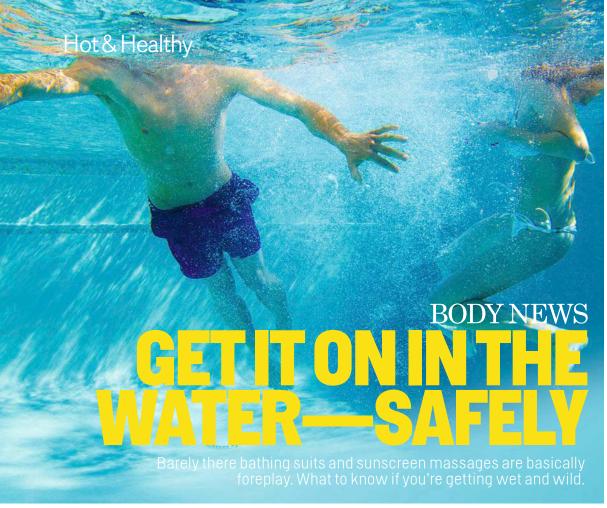
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There's a reason only 8 percent of folks who make New Year's resolutions actually achieve them: They're a total drag. Make the most out of the remaining months of the year with these alternatives that have all the payoff—but none of the punishment.





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#### He's Not the Only One Wetter is Better H<sub>2</sub>O washes away your

lubrication, so friction and chemicals (rivers. during thrusting can public pools, and hot cause micro-tears in the tubs are the biggest skin of the vaginal canal. Lube is an easy fix. Choose a long-lasting causing UTIs or yeast and water-resistant silicone-based formula. infections. Watch for

CONDOMS

DON'T CAUSE

CANCER

#### **Entering You**

Water contains bacteria offenders), and during sex, they may be forced into the vagina, possibly symptoms later.

#### Stop His Little **Swimmers**

Make sure your guy puts on his condom on dry land so that it's securely in place, A condom's integrity can be compromised by high chlorine levels, sunscreen, and bacteria, so use a backup method too.

SOURCES: ALYSSA DWECK, MD, COAUTHOR OF V IS FOR VAGINA; JENNIFER WIDER, MD, HOST OF "AM I NORMAL?"

A petition to remove carcinogens (the same ones found in balloons and latex gloves) from condoms has been circulating, inciting fears that rubbers lead to the big C. If you prefer ecofriendly brands, great. But evidence linking condoms to cancer doesn't exist. What does: proof that using protection lowers exposure to HPV, a cancer causer. So keep wrapping that tool and stop worrying.

SOURCE: LINDA FAN, MD, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY, AND REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCES AT YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

#### **Q**My mom had breast cancer. Is it okay for me to drink?

A Iwouldn't, Moderate alcohol consumption raises risk (two drinks per day on average ups it by 8.5 percent, says a new study) even for those without a family history. Never drinking seems dramatic, but if your mom or sister has suffered, cutting back is an empowering way to lessen your risk.



**Q** My doctor gives me an annual Pap, but isn't the new rule every three vears?

**A**Formost women above the age of 21 without a recent abnormal Papsmear, this new guideline is fine, Still, that's general advice and you're an individual, so bring it up with your doctor. Say something like, "I've heard I can get Paps less often. Do you agree?" And remember: A Pap isn't an STI screening. Get tested at vourannual wellwoman checkup.

SOURCE: JENNIFER ASHTON, MD, OB-GYN AND SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR FOR ABC NEWS



#### FOOD BUZZ

# ITE-HOT FOODS

You've been told to "eat the rainbow," i.e., lots of colorful fruits and veggies, "but there are clouds at the end of the rainbow, and you need those too," says Alicia Romano, RD, a clinical dietitian at Tufts Medical Center in the US—not white bread but white produce, like potassium-packed potatoes, folate-rich cauliflower, and mushrooms, which are totally having a moment. Not only are they one of the best sources of vitamin D in the produce aisle.

but they also make a great burger. In a recent study, testers liked a 50/50 mixture mushroom-meat patty over ground beef alone. The good news is, many new burger joints and restaurants now offer seafood and vegetarian burgers that are as delicious as their meaty counterparts. Our faves? Burgers & Brewskies' P. Sherman and Don't Have a Cow burgers. Pair 'em with their Sweet Potato Fries for a sinfully healthy meal.



#### NO-COOK **SOFT TACOS**

Quit the fast food habit and prep your own meals—it's cheaper, more nutritious, and increases your life expectancy. Not quite a wizard in the kitchen? Start out with easy soft tacos that don't require cooking. Fresh greens and veggies are easy to buy and are a breeze to prepare, and canned proteins are available even from the 24-hour store. Try our easy recipe and get creative!

- 1 pack whole wheat tortillas 1 head of lettuce
- 1 cucumber
- 2 large tomatoes
- 2 180-g can of tuna
- 1 Slice tomatoes and cucumbers, and shred lettuce. 2 Lay 1 tortilla on a plate or chopping board. Place 2-3 Tbsp tuna in the center. Add a slice or two of tomatoes and cucumbers. and top with lettuce. 3 Roll burrito-style or fold like a taco and serve.

SOURCE: PUBLICHEALTH NUTRITION, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.



#### **The Thirst** Is Real

Our bodies lose fluids faster when temperatures are high—especially in our tropical climate. Here's help staying hydrated all day.

#### SIP

#### **Iced Coffee**

Contrary to popular belief, caffeine is not a diuretic, says nutrition scientist Stacy T. Sims, PhD. In fact, a University of Birmingham study found coffee nearly as hydrating as water. Just balance your a.m. Starbucks with some regular H<sub>2</sub>O.

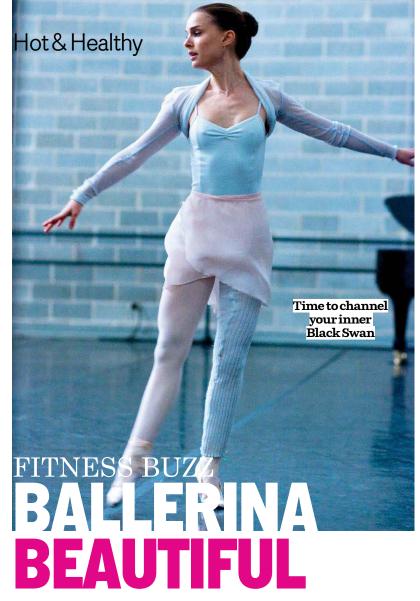
#### **Sports Drinks**

For workouts under 60 minutes, you can meet your needs (and cut calories) with regular tap, according to Kate Geagan, RDN. Down two cups of water 20 minutes preexercise, then have a couple of squirts every 20 minutes throughout.

#### SWIG

#### Water

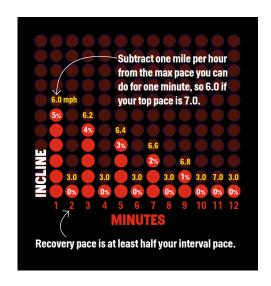
Outside all day? There's no rule for how much agua to drink—"eight glasses a day" is a myth. Booze and meds (antihistamines, antidepressants) are dehydrating, and thirst can be blunted if you're hot or distracted. Geagan says a good guideline is enough to need an hourly pee break.



Yes, ballerinas are athletes, too: A British study found that members of the Royal Ballet in the UK scored higher on most fitness tests against members of the British Olympic Swimming squad. Get long, limber, and strong ASAP by enrolling in the Ballet Philippines Fitness Program at SM Aura Premier (ballet.ph/ school). A series of exercises based on classical ballet technique will build your strength while shaping your muscles and improving your coordination as well.

# You're Using the Treadmill Wrong

Instead of going faster, go higher. "Increasing the slope is the most efficient way to maximize calorie burn in a short time," says trainer David Siik, who created the **Precision Running Program at** Equinox Gym NYC. You'll work more muscles in your butt and legs too and it'll show. Siik designed this 12-minute program just for Cosmo.





#### You Can't Out-Run A Bad Diet

Trying to lose weight? Before you even get started on an exercise routine, cut the sugar and carbs and stick to the good fat and proteins—calories from sugar promote fat storage and hunger, while fat calories make you feel full and keep your appetites satisfied. New evidence shows an average person's calorie-filled diets are worse for your body than lack of exercise, alcohol, and smoking combined. If that isn't enough motivation, studies have found that cutting down on carbohydrates is the single most effective approach to treating diabetes.

### THE MICHAEL JACKSON

1 Stand with feet hip-width apart, hands on hips. Point right arm toward ceiling so elbow is at eye level. Meanwhile, twist on the ball of right foot and look toward right hand.

2 Like a standing crunch, bend right elbow and bring it to right hip. That's one rep. Do 8 reps slowly, then 8 reps pulsing quickly. Repeat on other side. Rest; repeat until song ends.

#### SUGGESTED SONG

"No Mediocre," by T.I.

#### **AIM HIGH**

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1 Sit on floor, then recline your torso to a 45-degree angle, balancing on your forearms. Point toes and raise straightened legs toward ceiling. 2 Without changing the position of your torso, bend knees to 90 degrees. 3 Now straighten legs and extend forward, so feet are a few inches off the floor. Finally, extend legs back to ceiling without letting feet touch floor. That's one rep; do 15. Rest; repeat until song ends.

SUGGESTED SONG "Fancy," by Iggy Azalea



#### Hot & Healthy

#### **GODDESS ROLL**

Kneel on the floor, balancing on your shins, with torso straight. Raise arms overhead and clasp hands so arms make a circle shape. Use your abs to roll your pelvis slowly and sensually in a big circle, as though you're cleaning out the inside of a bowl with your hips. Do 16 rolls, then change directions. Rest; repeat until song ends.

SUGGESTED SONG "Drunk in Love," by Beyoncé



#### **HELICOPTER**

1 Kneel on the floor, balancing on your shins, with torso straight. Raise straightened arms to shoulder height to make a T shape.

2 Keeping arms straight, twist your torso to the right and touch your right hand to your right heel (left arm will naturally rise up). Pause, then come back to middle. Repeat to left. That's one rep. Do 16 reps. Rest; repeat until song ends.

#### SUGGESTED SONG

"Pour It Up," by Rihanna







## The Cosmo Girl's Guide to

# LTHY FOOD



#### THEPLAN! The Six-Pack Chef's Project Fat Loss

(thesixpackchef.ph)

WHATITIS: A five-day per week, high-protein, low-carb program geared towards fitnessconscious customers. A muscle-building program for bulking up is also available. WEIGHT LOSS STRATEGY: Reduce total carbohydrate intake (by minimizing sugar and starch) and replace it with healthy fats and protein; avoid processed oils and meats,

starch, and artificial ingredients. **CALORIES/DAY:** 1,000 to 1,500

COST: P3,500 for 5 days + delivery charge, delivered every night.

**YOUR DAILY GRUB: 3 meals a day + 1 snack** Big servings of steamed, grilled, or baked meat; a vegetable dish, and no rice, bread or pasta (substitutes are cauliflower for rice: sweet potato for gratin; zucchini or squash "noodles" for pasta).

TASTE & SATIETY RATING: \* \* \* \* WATCH OUT FOR: Carb deprivation. Some snacks, like cherry tomatoes or cucumber salad, often in tiny amounts, may leave you unsatisfied and low on energy. CHOOSE THIS IF... You're already a healthy eater. You get a daily text of the science behind your meals from the chef who is also a US-certified fitness trainer with the

American Council on Exercise.

TESTER SAYS: "I'm very particular about what I eat and how it's made, so I loved getting the daily meal descriptions. The main meals were very good, but merienda time was always a struggle because the snacks always felt bitin." -Trisha Bautista, editorial assistant



#### THE PLAN:

#### **Healthy Eats Manila**

(facebook.com/HealthyEatsMNL) WHAT IT IS: A seven-day per week program that uses organic ingredients with low fat and sodium content, and no MSG. All meals are calorie-counted, and you can choose among four different programs depending on your build, level of activity, and nutritional goal.

WEIGHT LOSS STRATEGY: Eat only healthy, organic food monitored for portions and calories.

CALORIES/DAY: 1,200

COST: P2,800 for 7 days + delivery charge, delivered every morning

**YOUR DAILY GRUB:** 3 meals a day + 1 snack Meals cover all food groups including good carbs (brown rice, pasta, and whole wheat bread) so you don't feel deprived. You also get a bottle of organic, fresh cold-pressed juice and a lot of fresh fruits as snacks to satisfy your sweet tooth.

TASTE & SATIETY RATING: \* \* \* \* WATCH OUT FOR: Weekends and a busy social calendar. To make the most of the program, you'll have to forego eating out for a couple of weeks.

**CHOOSE THIS IF...** You love your carbs and would rather eat smaller amounts of healthy food than cut out food groups.

TESTER SAYS: "I lost four pounds even without exercise and a few cheat days! Having a prescribed meal helped me become more aware of what 1,200 calories looks like." — Agoo Bengzon, beauty director-at-large



#### THE PLAN:

#### Yummy Diet

(facebook.com/yummydietph) WHAT IT IS: A five-day per week program offering choices of 1,200, 1,500, or 1,800 calories per day. The basic program is 1,200 calories per day with a balance of protein, carbohydrates, and vegetables; but you can opt for a no-carb or a no-rice plan. WEIGHT LOSS STRATEGY: Monitor food intake with a strict calorie count.

CALORIES/DAY: 1.500 COST: P2,150 for 5 days , delivered every

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**YOUR DAILY GRUB: 3 meals a day + 1 snack** Tasty, familiar lutong-bahay-style meals in smaller portions and with measured carbohydrates. Breakfast is very filling, keeping you full for longer throughout the day.

TASTE & SATIETY RATING: 🖈 🖈 🖈 WATCH OUT FOR: Processed carbohydrates (like store-bought crackers) and instant coffee. Not for the very health-conscious.

CHOOSE THIS IF... You love Pinoy home cooking and snacks but are always on the go. At the start of the week, you'll get a packet of utensils, five teabags, five sachets of coffee, and napkins, making it very convenient to stay on track.

TESTER SAYS: "The breakfasts were always exceptionally good! I learned the importance of the first meal of the day—it took away my cravings and would keep me full all morning."

-Mich Lagdameo, managing editor

# DELIVERY

The Cosmo staff roadtests six of the newest healthy food delivery services in the scene.

#### SPECIALTY PROGRAMS



#### THE PLAN:

#### **Lunchbox Diet**

(facebook.com/lunchboxdietph) WHAT IT IS: A five-day per week program offering options ranging from 1,200 to 2,000 calories per day, with special request options eliminating beef, carbs, chicken, eggs, pork, or seafood; "less one meal," or "no snacks" options; and a night shift delivery schedule.

**WEIGHT LOSS STRATEGY: Monitor food** intake with a strict calorie count while allowing for a flexible schedule.

**CALORIES/DAY:** 1,200 to 1,500

COST: P 2,000 for 5 days + delivery charge, delivered every morning

**YOUR DAILY GRUB: 3 meals a day + 1 snack** Each meal consists of a viand and red or brown rice. Portions are generous with a variety of flavors from different cuisines. Snacks are filling and won't make you feel like you're on a diet.

TASTE & SATIETY RATING: \* WATCH OUT FOR: If you don't like "diet food," you might not like some meals that lack taste and flavor. The snacks are a mix of fresh fruits and packaged, processed food like flavored yogurt and salty crackers—not the healthiest choices.

CHOOSE THIS IF... You want to avoid eating fast food and convenience store meals, especially if you work the night shift. **TESTER SAYS:** "The meals were generally good, but there were a number of times I felt like the meals were tasteless and lacking in flavor."

-Happy Lopez, fashion editor



#### THE PLAN:

#### Go Paleo

(facebook.com/goPaleobyLarissa) WHAT IT IS: A three-day plan that follows the Paleolithic diet: high-protein, lowcarb, high-fiber (but not from grains or starch), low-sodium, high-potassium. WEIGHT LOSS STRATEGY: Eat what our preagricultural caveman ancestors ate: animal protein, eggs, nuts, veggies, and fruits, without any grains or legumes. sugar or processed foods.

**CALORIES/DAY: 1,500** 

COST: ₱ 1.450 for 3 days delivered every three days in the morning.

#### **YOUR DAILY GRUB: 3 meals a day**

Big servings of Paleo meals made from scratch—special squash "pasta," bacon "rice," and lots of hearty stews combining proteins and fruits.

TASTE & SATIETY RATING: 🌟 🌟 🖠 WATCH OUT FOR: Since meals are made and delivered only every three days, you have to refrigerate ASAP to keep them fresh. Meals for the third day might be spoiled by the time you consume them. CHOOSE THIS IF... You're not in love with starch, or engage in intense physical activities and heavy lifting. The Paleo diet is protein-based and suitable for building muscle and burning fat.

TESTER SAYS: "The portions were too big, especially since I'm not used to eating that much protein. The food often felt too heavy. Sometimes I felt that different dishes tasted alike, even when they were made from different meats."

-Hazel Malagonio, art director



#### THE PLAN:

#### V Kitchen Manila

(facebook.com/Vkitchen.Manila) WHAT IT IS: A five-day per week vegetarian program (no meat, chicken, fish, eggs, gluten, wheat, or dairy). Vegan and Superfood (chia seeds, maca, hemp, spirulina, kale) options are also available. WEIGHT LOSS STRATEGY: Eliminate animal protein, artificial ingredients, and preservatives and sticking to just natural and organic plant products. CALORIES/DAY: 1,200

COST: P2,750 for 5 days delivered every morning

YOUR DAILY GRUB: 3 meals a day + 1 snack

Substantial servings of creatively executed dishes made from natural plant ingredients. Uses mushrooms, lentils, and tofu for protein: sweet potato, millet and guinoa for carbs. So tasty, you won't miss the meat! TASTE & SATIETY RATING: 🖈 🖈 🖈 🖈

WATCH OUT FOR: If you're new to going without animal protein, you might feel weak at first. The servings are very generous and the program is predominantly carbs. CHOOSETHIS IF... You love vegetables or are physically and mentally ready to let go of meat. The most customizable program: they'll work around food intolerances.

TESTER SAYS: "I got the vegan option and everything was delicious! I'm pescovegetarian, and I didn't miss eating seafood or go hungry. I was excited to eat every day. I think I ate too much, though-and even if I specified my food intolerances, I wasn't able to debloat."

-Myrza Sison, editorial director

**Breezy Style** 

Casual lifestyle brand Jeanswest finally makes its debut in the Philippine market. The Jeanswest line of men and women's apparel takes a fun, casual approach to the season's trendiest pieces, making it a perfect fit for the young Pinay's on-the-go lifestyle.

Jeanswest is available at select Robinsons Department Stores. Visit a Robinsons Department Store near you or check out www.robinsonsdepartmentstore.com.ph. For more details, like them at facebook.com/RobinsonsDepartmentStore and follow them on Twitter @RobinsonsStore.











picks!



#### Dark Days Are Over

If dark underarms are preventing you from raising your arms and reaching for the LRT handrails (among other things), then it's probably time to get a better deodorant. Silka, known for its natural and whitening skin care products, has a wide range of deos that not only combat odor and wetness, but also offer the same whitening benefits for your underarms. You'll be able to move with ease and go about your day worry-free, all thanks to Silka.

Available at leading department stores, supermarkets, and personal care stores. Like them at facebook.com/SilkaSkincare and follow them on Instagram and Twitter @Silkaskincare.



#### Careline

#### Face Time

A Cosmo girl never underestimates the importance of a morning makeup routine! For a smooth base, start your grooming sesh with Careline BB Cream. It covers up blemishes

and dark spots while keeping your face soft and moisturized. Next, bring back your natural glow with Careline Oil Control Blush-On. With 10 shades to choose from, you can go from neutral to fresh with just a few strokes. Finally, for longlasting color, coat your lips with Careline Magic Lipstick. Trust us, expertly-applied makeup will make everyone sit up and take notice.

#### Double Take

Dabble in makeup artistry with the new Revlon PhotoReady Eye Art Lid + Line + Lash – dual-ended liquid shadows that sparkle and shine for a look that's all your own. You control the look you want, and how you want to wear it. Go bold, go glam, go bling, it's all in your hands. Revlon PhotoReady Eye Art Lid + Line + Lash contains creamy, easy-to-blend shadow in one end and brilliant sparkle in the other. Use them alone or paired together for a bold eye statement. Available in 10 distinctive duos.



#### Fan Club

Don't let the heat and humidity get the best of you. With the Tough Mama Rechargeable Electric Fan, you can outlast whatever crazy weather the skies have in store for you. The fan has a built-in rechargeable battery that allows you to beat the heat anytime, anywhere. The fan also comes with battery overcharging protection and power-saving applications for added safety. So turn on the Tough Mama Rechargeable Electric Fan and prepare to get blown away!



FACING MY CLOSET each morning made me anxious. Getting dressed was like sorting through the clearance rack—a chaotic mix of sparkly knits, tee shirts, and denim. Once, I got knocked out by one of my own shoes.

I swear I'm not a shopaholic. I just bought things, and they added up. Literally. I felt sick as I tallied the small fortune of items—from my prized Miu Miu bag perched on the shelf to the H&M impulse buys that were everywhere (how many iPhone cases does a girl need?) when regret and shopping-shame set in. I was stuffocating.

I'm not alone, says James Wallman, author of the recent book Stuffocation (a term he coined).

"We have more possessions than we can cope with or continue to afford, and it's not necessarily making us happier," he says.

Retail therapy doesn't last, says Robin Zasio, PsyD, director of the Anxiety Treatment Center in Sacramento, California. "Shortly after you make a purchase, you're left with something that creates emotional clutter and stresses you out."

Who needs that? It was time to destuffocate. I marched over with a Glad bag, and in went anything I hadn't worn in a year, no longer fit, or I didn't actually like. It was a high.

I'm now able to prioritize—instead of buying a bunch of tops, I buy one that I'd actually tack to my Pinterest board. And by selling some old pieces on eBay and at consignment shops, I've made enough to cover a trip to London to see some pals. Turns out, when my piles of stuff got smaller, my life actually got bigger.



#### It's Not a Desk, It's a Command Center

#### 1. FILE IT AWAY

Bills, catalogs, and magazines tend to sprawl out or pile up. Keep papers in an organizer, and deal with them as soon as you can.

#### 2. GRAB AND GO

Phone, wallet, keys, lip balm: If you have a place for them, you won't be looking everywhere to find them.

#### 3. TAKE CHARGE

Install a charging station, says organizing expert Jeffrey Phillip, so your devices will stay juiced up all day, every day.

#### 4. GIVE IT STYLE

Put up your favorite photos, plug in a cute desk lamp, and you've gone from functional to fun to look at.

HOW DO YOU SAY BYE? The first rule of decluttering: You have to get rid of things in order to get organized. Marie Kondo, the Martha Stewart of Japan and author of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up, has helped thousands of people work through the heartwrenching process of deciding what to keep and what to toss. (The struggle is real.) Here are six questions to ask yourself.

Does this spark

Why do I have this item?

Am I keepina this just because?

Do I want to see this again?

Do I need this to be happy?

Has this outlived its purpose?

## If there's one thing you should...



#### **✓** WATCH

#### **SINGING IN** THERAIN

ticketworld.com.ph (opens August 20, 2015) MGM's 1952 classic takes center stage this 2015. After a sold-out season in the West End and a successful UK tour, the Olivier Award-winning musical is set to delight Philippine audiences in August for a limited season only. This spectacular production is packed with the charm, romance, comedy and old Hollywood glamour of one of the world's bestloved movies, complete with the unforgettable soundtrack.



#### **READ**

#### **BEST** COOKBOOK **EVER**

**Crate and Barrel** 

Whether you like it or not, part of #RealLife is learning how to feed yourself. Get started by reading up on the basics, thanks to this dummy-proof guide to getting acquainted with the kitchen. You might just discoveryour inner Nigella Lawson along the way.

## HOT HANGOUT

#### TORCH

#### (Connecticut street, Greenbelt 5, Trinoma, **UP Town Center)**

We all need a little mid-week stress-buster sometimes. Whether you're catching up with old friends, celebrating career milestones, or dealing with a tough work situation, a glass of vino is always a good idea. Head to Torch for Unli-Wine weeknights —it's easy on the wallet and on the waistline (a new study claims a glass of wine is equal to an hour at the gym!). Make sure you sample their hearty dishes like the Salpicao Medallion and Panizza before you start on the booze-you wouldn't want to deal



#### FIFTY SHADES OF GRAY SOUNDTRACK

From Frank Sinatra to Ellie Goulding, the steamy movie's soundtrack is a brilliant mix of old, new, remixes, and covers, that somehow make sense in one album.





The Steak Medallion (\$479.95) is perfect with a glass of red wine

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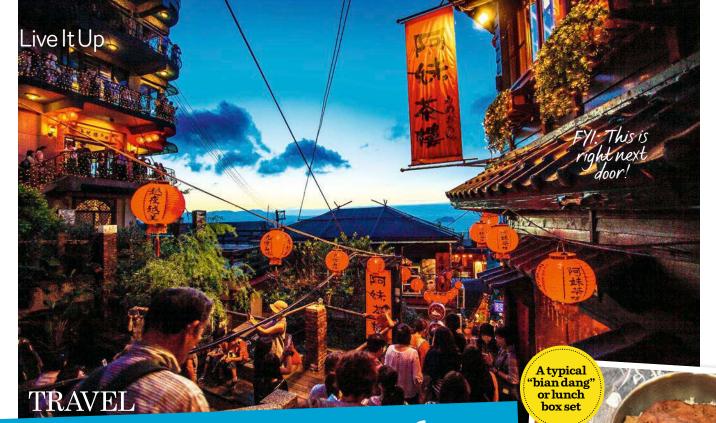


### MISSION IMPOSIBLE: ROGUE NATION

July 31

The unbeatable Tom Cruise is back with his team as he fights his biggest obstacle yet the Syndicate, an international organization bent on destroying the IMF.





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Planning to head somewhere solo? Hop over to our nearest neighbor for an adventure filled with traditional folk culture, modern art, and fantastic food. This island nation is a hidden gem —and it's all yours to discover.

What was once part of the ancient Chinese empire is now a highly urbanized melting pot of culture from its Asian neighbors and former Dutch and Portugese invaders. It's a mustsee for any culture vulture, but what makes Taiwan a totally doable solo trip is their super organized public transportation systems, friendly locals, affordable prices, and excellent shopping deals.



#### WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER: **FOODIE PARADISE**

Satisfy your craving for stinky tofu, oyster omelets, beef noodles, fresh seafood, dumplings, porridge, and bubble tea here, because Taiwan is considered the Food Capital of the East—the food culture of settlers from Fujian and Guangdong, merchant trade with the Japanese, and the island's aboriginal cultures brought together create a unique mix of flavors.

#### **NIGHT MARKETS**

The famous pedestrian-only night markets with hordes of clothing, trinkets, electronics and "xiao chi" or traditional snacks are everywhere. Overwhelmed and don't know where to start? Look for the longest line and queue up! The locals know where to eat and if the food is amazing, chances are there's a line of at least 30 people waiting to grab a bite.



Taiwan has been restoring abandoned factories and warehouses and converting them into creative parks to cultivate creative talent and support local culture. These centers with vast, open spaces, high ceilings, and abundant natural lighting often host the country's most significant cultural activities and design exhibitions, so they're definite must-visits.



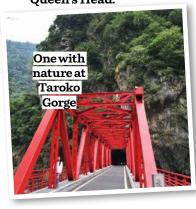


#### TAROKO GORGE

Also known as "The Marble Gorge", this national park was formed through the erosion of marble by the path of the Liwu River over millions of years. (Tip: Borrow a helmet for free from the visiting center at the entrance of the park to protect yourself from falling rocks.) Due to the geological nature of the area, make sure to check the park website before you visit as trails might be closed due to serious rock fall.

#### **YEHLIU GEO PARK**

At this park, a number of grotesque, sea-eroded rocks have been given imaginative names based on their shapes. The most popular (and IG-worthy) one is the Nü Wang Tou and the Queen's Head.



#### **HUALIEN STONE STAIRCASE**

Rock out at

Yehliu Geo

Park 🏽

The shoreline at **Shitiping** was formed when volcanic rock smoothened by sea erosion settled into natural stone steps. Diverse coastal vegetation and sea life make this a cool place to trip out on nature. There's a camp ground where you can spend the night for the full experience.

#### **KAOHSIUNG MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

This unique structure is a famous architectural innovation. Constructed from top to bottom, this column-less, cube-like indoor space is total library porn!

#### **MIYAHARA**

Drop by this historical building-turned heavenly dessert shop to get a sugar rush and to shop for tasty pasalubong.

#### WHAT TO DO:

#### **SEND OUT SKY LANTERNS**

A **Sky Lantern Festival** is held every 15th day of the Lunar New Year and thousands of locals and tourists participate in writing wishes on huge lanterns and sending them to the sky. Pingxi and Shifen are two of the most famous spots for the ritual of releasing these symbollic lanterns.

#### **CAFÉ HOPPING**

Who doesn't love a great cup of coffee? With the countless number of trendy, chic cafés around Taipei, getting your daily dose of caffeine becomes both a breeze and a daily adventure. Take the MRT blue line to Zhongxiao Xinsheng station and change to the yellow line to Dongmen Station and take Exit 3. Start your café adventure series at the dining destination du jour-Yong Kang Street. Make sure you drop by For Good Cafe (facebook.com/ForGoodCafe) for a cup of Flat White.





#### WHERE TO STAY:

Taiwan is famous for their excellent accomodations for reasonable prices. Instead of spending money on expensive hotels, save cash while meeting people from all over the world and stay in hostels and B&B's for an enriching travel experience. Check out Home Walk Guesthouse (homewalk.info) and Formosa 101 Hostel (hostelformosa.com).

#### STAY CONNECTED:

Go to the nearest mobile service center, present your passport for the visa

number, and purchase an unlimited 3-G data sim card for a reasonable price (450 NTD for 7 days.)

#### **HEAD OUT:**

Maximize your Taiwan stay by going beyond the capital to New Taipei City, Hualien, Taidung, Kaohsiung, Taichung, Tainan, and Yilan. Thanks to the high speed train and overnight buses, getting around is easy. Don't worry about getting lost—the Taiwanese are incredibly friendly, and will help you find your way with no fuss and in zero time.

#### AT YOUR PLACE

**DECORATING TIPS FROM** ACOSMOGIRL Steph Tan

A limited budget didn't deter this development worker from creating the condo of her dreams.



Get creative with wall treatments. "Since I just rent this unit, I didn't want to put anything permanent on the walls. The only thing I could commit to installing was the light fixtures. I told my designer Brenda Tan that I wanted to have the freedom to change up whatever we put on the walls. So she had the idea of



masculine palette for a change.

"I worked with designer-friend Brenda Tan, who helped me picked the colors of my walls. I prefer masculine colors and showed her the painting in my dining room, which established the palette for the whole condo," shares the 30-year-old climate-justice activist.



Add organic and natural elements. "Brenda gave me this banig that was woven by members of a small community in Samar," recalls Steph. "I'm also very much into plants!" Steph's one-bedroom unit receives plenty of sunlight, making it conducive to grow and maintain large plants.

Flaunt your interests. Steph has stacks of books piled all over the unit, often topped with plants that she cares for herself. A woven box functions as both storage and landing spot for Steph's guitar.



Bring back your childhood. "My lolo gave me the Yamaha piano when I was 8, so I definitely wanted to bring it with me. I didn't have much of a budget when I moved here, and the only furniture pieces I paid for are the dining table and benches, my vanity bureau, the big blue planter, and the lights. Everything else either came with the unit or are handme-downs from my parents."

Make a case for possession-obsession. "I'm an earrings girl!" Steph exclaims. She hangs them from a silkscreen frame, inadvertently adding a punch of color on one side of her bedroom. The twin cacti are a gift from twin friends. "They told me, 'Every time you see them, you'll remember us!"

Get the Look... Woven plant holder, P699, H&M. Paper lantern, H&M. "Happy Thoughts" by Dindi and Dato Manlapaz, price likhangbata.weebly.com. Embroidered fish pillow, P1,299.75, Our Home. Wooden vase, Rug, <del>₱</del>1,490, ₱3,499.75, and H&M. Orchid leaves, ₱199.75, Our Home.

#### **Protein** Power Bowl quinoa + chickpeas

+ carrots + mixed mushrooms + herbs bean sprouts + tahini dressing

#### **Enlightened Bowl**

black rice + agedashi tofu + mixed seeds + lettuce + cucumber + pickled onion + edamame beans + shiitake mushrooms + teriyaki glaze + gingermiso dressing



Goddess Bowl millet + bok choy + spinach + tomatoes + Baguio beans + sunflower seeds + miso dressing



**Buddha Bowl** 

organic brown rice + mixed vegetables + pea sprouts + peanut brittle + lime + Thai red coconut curry dressing



Need an energy boost? Turn to nutritious power bowls to help you blaze through any grueling day.





## MAKE YOUR ONE-BOWL WONDER AT HOME

The Wholesome Table's Bianca Elizalde's tips on how to make power bowls from pantry staples.

1 Choose a flavor profile and

1 Choose a flavor profile and make a dressing out of it. Want to go Asian? Make a sauce using miso, teriyaki, or curry.

2 Selecta grain (quinoa, rice, barley, wheat, oats) that complements the flavor and weight of your dressing. Lighter grains such as millet will get soggy with a heavy sauce, so pair those with lighter dressings.

3 Addycardies and superfoods

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you like: think kale, cauliflower, avocados. But don't just include everything you want; make sure the flavors work well together.

4 Picka protein like chicken, beef, or seafood. If you're vegetarian, add tofu, soy beans, chickpeas, or eggs.

5 Consider the overall texture

**6 Use fresh ingredients** good for your body. Say no to MSG, sugar, food coloring, high fructose corn syrup, and other additives.

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#### **CANCER** 06.21.-07.22

**STELLAR GIFTS Everyone knows** you're a true friend to lean on in tough times. Sometimes you overinvest in other people's personal business.

**INDULGENCE** A great meal with close friends is your favorite way to spend an evening.

**SEDUCTION STYLE Quickies** aren't out, but you're turned on by the long game. Romance is all about flowing music, warm candles, and lingering touches.

**YOUR MONTH Your powers of** intuition will be on overdrive early in the month, so pay close attention to your instincts. The time to put your senses to the test will come right away on the 1st. Get in the zone and put any new career plans into action.

**YOUR YEAR** Focus on the positive! This is a big year for change and transformation. Remembering what you do well will steer you in the right

Heels.

Something

Borrowed, Zalora.ph, ₱1,099.

direction as you make your vision a reality.

**YOU NEED A new** hobby to capture your imagination.



#### LE0

#### 07.23-08.22

This is a big month for you, Leo! You'll be irresistible starting on the 1st. See which of your admirers really makes your heart flutter and then show him how you feel on the 22nd. Venus goes retrograde in your sign on the 25th, leaving you to consider how you'd like to grow as a person and a partner. YOU NEED To get real about your true desires. THE LEO GUY How about a bit of

role-play this month? He needs a dis-traction as he faces big choices

**Burt's Bees Intense Hydration** Mask, ₱1,450.



#### **VIRGO**

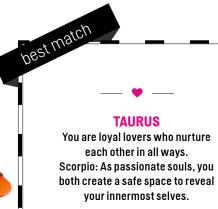
#### 08.23 - 09.22

July is all about reconnecting with friends. Around the 6th, sparks might fly with one buddy in particular - explore the attraction! Come up for air after sensual Venus moves into your sign on the 18th and reevaluate the situation. YOU NEED To take a deep breath and trust your gut. Resolve any loose ends to make room for the new.

#### THE VIRGO GUY

Don't sweat it if he seems indecisive. The boy knows what he's got with you; let him show it.

Basket, **H&M**, ₱499.



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#### **LIBRA**

#### 09.23-10.22

**Exciting career** breakthroughs are on the way!The 5th is an ideal day to network. You'll be distracted by friendship troubles when Venus goes retrograde on the 25th, but don't waste time on someone who isn't trustworthy. YOU NEED To stop worrying about everyone else and stand up for yourself around the 6th. THE LIBRA **GUY**Like any Libra, babe doesn't like conflict. Your wisdom will help him sort out a sitch at work.

Scarf, Seek The Uniq, P690.



#### **AQUARIUS**

#### 01.20 - 02.18

Unveil the clever plans you've been cultivating at work on the 2nd. Then on the 12th, try a new hot spot. When the Full Moon arrives on the 31st, you'll have the opportunity to make a beeline from Chez New to chez you with someone sexy. YOU NEED A more challenging fitness routine to keep your mind and body ready-foranything strong. THE AQUARIUS GUY Get his mind off the office by blowing... off some steam outdoors.

Sports bra, Adidas, ₱1 895



#### **SCORPIO**

#### 10.23-11.21

This is the perfect month for a getaway. Skip town for a post-4th escapade and try some-thing new. Some daring may come in handy on the 14th for a major coup at work. Be confident and your ideas will prevail! YOU NEED To reboot an old project. Don't assume the whole thing is a wash. THE SCORPIO GUY He's a man on a mission right now. Let him know you believe in him and all his many talents.

Bag, Kate Spade, price available upon request.



#### **PISCES**

#### 02.19 - 03.20

Let vour inner wild child roam free! She might ensnare an equally playful partner around the 1st or attract new suitors on the 8th. On that day, your creativity and charm will be at peak levels. Use those powers for (your) good! YOU NEED To take a chance! This month, the odds are ever in vour favor. THE PISCES GUY His zest for life is high this month. Relish trying new things together behind closed doors and out in the world.

Dress, Mango, P2,250.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

#### 11.22-12.21

You're in for a steamy, sexy month. Deviate from the norm on the 3rd-your best date night by far—and keep your adventurous spirit alive later that evening for a night that'll make your breath catch. YOU NEED: A change of scenery. Try a new travel destination that's off the beaten path.

THE SAGITTARIUS GUY: Oh, baby. He's into bed-room experi-ments this month, so get your freak on and enjoy the ride!

Max Factor Creme Puff Blush in Lavish Mauve. P575.



#### **ARIES**

#### 04.21 - 05.21

Surprises at home can suck-but the ones coming your way are all good! When Mercury and your ruler, decisive Mars, meet on the 16th, all will click. YOU NEED A blast of fresh energy in your pad. Reorganize your furniture for a new vibe and decorate with fresh flowers. THE ARIES GUY Your favorite body is in homebody mode this month. Let him know you're cool spending downtime with others... or just the two of you.

Tote bag, H&M, P699



#### **CAPRICORN**

#### 222-01.19

The Full Moon on theistisan epic night for love, and the rest of July follows romantic suit. Mars, Mercury, and the Sun will be in your zone of relationships. Sidestep conflict by going with the flow.

YOU NEED: To let go of old grudges, especially after

THE CAPRICORN GUY: When he tries to impress you with his sensitive side, whisper into his ear how much you appreciate it along with some naughtier notions.



the 25th.



#### **TAURUS**

#### 04.21-05.21

Forget about Inbox Zero and do your best to make the most of all the social events ahead. After Venus goes retrograde on the 25th, take a breather by focusing on your home sphere—updating your nest will reinvigorate you. YOU NEED A productivity app that will ensure you make time for fun while vou're busy ruling the world. THETAURUS GUY His daybook is packed right now. Make sure his nights are just as arousing.

Clear app, iTunes store, \$4.99.



the cancer guy

RAYVER **CRUZ** 07.20.1989

LOVES: Keeping

things mellow

and easygoing

with old friends.

complicated and

melodramatic

DREAM DATE: A

barbecue in the

backyard where

WIN HIM OVER: BY

taking an active

interest in his life

supportive of his

family-style

everyone is

welcome.

and being

scenes.

**HATES:** Overly

#### 5.22 - 6.20

You're on a roll at work. Mute the background noise, and watch for a big break on the 3rd. Your ruler, clever Mercury, moves into confident Leo on the 23rd, making it easy to turn nos into yesses. YOU NEED To stay focused, no matter how much a certain guy tries to distract you. THE GEMINI **GUY** Cheer him on as he finishes an intense project. He'll be so grateful, he'll be more than ready to shake your pom-poms.

Maybelline Volum' Express The Rocket Waterproof Mascara. ₱499



#### You have a company partycoming up, and he asks if he can be your plus one. Your first thought is:

a. Yaaas! Can't wait to show off my slightly more-vanilla Christian Grey.

**b**. Hmmm. Is he just doing this to promote his latest app idea?

**C.** He better not tell the CEO that gross joke about frog vaginas he saw on 9GAG.

#### 2. He's 15 minutes late for a double date. He arrives, panting, and explains:

a. "So sorry. Investors' meeting ran late."

**b.** "So sorry. I got sidetracked by—look! A kitten!"

C. "So sorry. I found the Grand Theft Auto V cheat codes for invincibility. Obviously, I couldn't leave!"

#### **3.** When you ask your friends if they think he has his act together enough to date you, their facial expression says:

a. Um, he has a black Lab and match- model. ing French-country china, so yes.

**L**b. Kanye shrug. C. My answer to this might end our friendship.

#### 4. He thinks the penal code is

**a**. Something everyone should have a basic knowledge of.

**b**. Something he should probably call his dad and ask about.

C. Bro-speak for hooking up.

#### 5. The biggest fight vou ever had was over:

a. Whether he should invest his 13th month pay in mutual funds or in stocks.

**b**. His indecision on whether he should go to law school or be a tech writer... or mavbe be a nude

**C.** That time he binge-watched Game of Thrones while you did his laundry.



Dovou have to babysit your BF?

#### THE BREAKDOWN

#### MOSTLY As: Steady Superman

Great job, nice place, manners—this guy's an Instant Husband, just add water. He rocks your mom's world, but does he rock yours? In ways besides punctuality? Remind him that spontaneity can be fun. As long as it's not sex at the Apple Store.

#### MOSTLY Bs: Attention-Deficit Dude

He's not a couch potato, but he's still searching for his passion. Until he finds it, he'll be all over the map. As you cheer on his band/improv/blog, consider positive reinforcement to steer his swerving ambition toward something practical.

#### MOSTLY Cs: Apatowian Male

This guy operates on a sixth-grade maturity level. He can barely wash a dish, let alone get a job. His laissez-faire approach to adulthood can be refreshing, but if nothing changes soon, homeboy deserves to Benjamin Button into infancy—alone.

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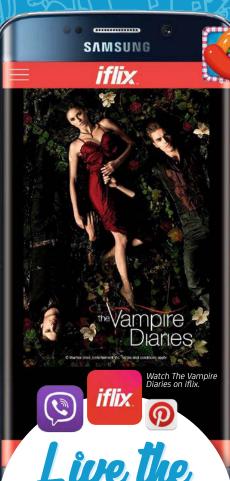
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I've just started watching some episodes of Scandal (I can't believe I missed this show's initial run) using iflix and Smart LTE and I'm already smitten by Olivia Pope, a brilliant White House correspondent and crisis management expert being portrayed by Kerry Washington. (I'm naturally drawn to strongwilled, compassionate, and smart women; I guess because my mom is like that.) The latest episodes

of Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. are also great. I grew up collecting Marvel cards and comics and I find their take on some superheroes I idolized as a kid very interesting.

So the next time somebody asks me

that question, I'll finally have something new to talk about.

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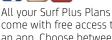
Always on the lookout for tomorrow's technology today? Or perhaps the next killer app that will change the course of tech history?

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## The Arsenal Upgrade:

# '5 Essential Apps for to with an Always-On,

You've got a shiny new smartphone capable of handling the latest apps. But without a solid network allowing you to use it to its full potential, that phone is nothing more than a glorified paperweight. Smart prevents that from happening. With comprehensive innovations designed to accentuate the modern on-the-go lifestyle for both babes and bros—fast mobile Internet, content streaming capabilities, and app billing services—Smart is the key that unlocks the possibilities for today's best apps like the ones below!



#### YOUTUBE

Love cute cat videos? Of course you do! And how better to watch YouTube videos on mobile than with its official app that features a neat design, enhanced video discovery capabilities, and mobile-friendly browsing?

With Smart, now you can load makeup video tutorials without having to suffer through sluggish video buffering.





#### CNADCH

It's a chat app but unlike most of them, this one is unique for automatically erasing a photo, video or message you sent after your recipient has read it or after a set period of time. Now, you can always keep your followers, including your crush, updated on your life simply by availing the Smart Life Flexibundle by sending ENT299 to 9999. Page 8 has the deets!



#### **CANDY CRUSH**

The sweet, colorful world of Candy Crush is yours for the taking! With Smart's direct-carrier billing, now you can purchase more lives whenever you've run out of them or the most sugary of in-app items. Out of lives? Smart's literally a life-saver here as you can purchase those extra lives and charge it directly to your Smart postpaid account. How sweet is that?



#### PINTEREST

From the cutest dresses to the prettiest shoes to the all the nicest things a girl could ask for, Pinterest has 'em all. Browse, discover and pin them on your board for an instant dose of inspiration wherever you are! It's especially easy once you've registered to the Smart Life Bundle by sending ENT299 to 9999, which gives you 1.5GB of data for over 30 apps including Pinterest for just 300 pesos a month. Go to page 8 to find out more.



#### TURN YOUR SMARTPHONE INTO A CREDIT CARD!

Smart now offers the CHARGE2PHONE service, the country's first sticker-based NFC contactless payment solution exclusive to Smart and Sun Cellular postpaid subscribers. Just stick the NFC sticker on your phone, tap your phone to pay for transactions at partner stores, and shop away, girll It's the chicest way to shop for dresses, shoes, makeup and whatnot today. Visit https://charge2phone.com/ for more details.

# he Babes and the Bros On-The-Go Lifestyle





iflix is like Deezer but instead of songs, you get to stream TV shows from the funniest rib-ticklers to suspense and drama

its to that Hollywood movie blockbuster you missed a few months ago. Great for your stay-at-home dates with the

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With Smart trying to stream TV shows on anything less capable than Smart's LTE connection will make you wish for traditional TV. There's nothing more annoying than finally getting your girl friend to watch your favourite action movie...only to have the show cut prematurely because of a spotty data connection.



#### **VIBER**

Still chatting on mere SMS? Beef up the ways you connect to the gang with this reliable chat appl Because how can you keep up with the barkada's trending topics if you're the only the one who's not on Viber? Get the Smart Life Bundle which gives you 1.5GB of data for over 30 apps including Viber for just 300 pesos a month! Simply send ENT 299 to 9999, and chat away. Page 8 has the lowdown.



#### **CLASH OF CLANS**

Today's most addictive game yet on mobile, which tasks you with building a village of warriors to protect and fight against other clans! You can even upgrade vour walls fast from "Wooden" to "Zaps" by getting ahead of the game with in-app purchases. Thanks to Smart's direct-carrier billing, you can buy all the COC goodies you want to use in your next CW (clan war) using your Smart Postpaid account. No credit card needed! From gems, builders to that sought-after dark elixir, you can buy your way to victory by charging it to your Smart Postpaid bill. Page 10 tells you more about this particular strategy.



#### VIEWSTREAM

Here's a great way to keep a finger on local happenings from the comfort of your own smartphone. This app lets you stream Fox News and Fox Sports (it features NBA games, bro!) to name a few, right on your mobile devices. Entertainment, everywhere is the name of the game, buddy. With ViewStream, it's like you're watching on TV, only this time you can take that TV anywhere thanks to Smart's nationwidest coverage. Visit http://smart.com.ph/pages/viewstream to know more.



#### MARVEL AVENGERS ALLIANCE

The best mobile game out there if vou've ever wanted to feel like the Captain America, Iron Man or Thor. It's your chance to slip into the tights of this generation's favorite band of superheroes and superheroines! And with Smart, it's easier than ever to beef up your character so you can give those supervillains a super beating. Get those S.H.I.E.L.D. points to level up your hero and get in-game gold to buy Premium Gear and charge them directly to your Smart postpaid account. The world needs you, superhero. So head on over to Page 10 and get a briefing on how direct-carrier billing can make you a more powerful Avenger.



# Live the Smart

#### LIFE PEG: SOCIAL MEDIA FAMOUS

Hearts are a flutter when you post a picture—as you document your life online, your massive following swoons over your beautifully edited photos and well-curated, swoon-worthy feed.

#### READY FOR YOUR APP-GRADE?

**INSTAGRAM** It's your fab life, in squares—Instagram allows you to edit your personal snaps and post them in a virtual diary. How the pros do IG? Play with its advanced editing features—saturation, shadow, highlights and color are just a few you can play with—to make sure your picture looks its best.

VIBER Embrace your extrovert personality and connect more with your big social circle using Viber! It lets you send free messages and make free calls to other Viber users, on any device and network, in any country! So whether you're planning the itinerary for your next beach trip with your best girls or sending your well-edited selfies for initial comments, Viber gets the job done for free!

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#### LIFE PEG: FIT FOR A QUE

While the rest of your friends are meeting til the morn, you spend your days waking meal plans and pump iron at the dvm. W in an endorphin-fueled good mood, and, a



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energy flowing. Download Spinnr for a easily listen to on your phone, perfect



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# LIFE PEG: STYLE SAVANT

Screw the haters, you're really #fasyon. You wear such chic, statementmaking ensembles that people look to you for style advice, or just look to your direction...in general.

#### **READY FOR YOUR APP-GRADE?**

SNAPCHAT - Chronicle your daily #00TDs with the newest (and funnest!) in real-time social media. Not only do you get to share pictures and videos with your friends, you can also make your pictures more quirky through its doodle feature. What's best, all your Snaps get deleted after 24 hours—meaning you can be goofy without that after-posting regret.



**ZALORA** Access the local store of this online retail phenom by downloading the Zalora.ph app. It's a mall in your phone, essentially, housing both large and small fashion boutiques (Mango and Plains and Prints are available, as well as a slew of start-

up fashion retailers), a wide array of beauty brands and well stocked catalogues of bags, shoes and accessories. Zalora's in-house collection features pretty good pieces too, in swoon-worthy prices to boot.



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he new workout trends all over the deo-sharing app. Next thing you know, ank or freestyle Zumba moves on your

### LIFE PEG: DOMESTIC GODDESS

Your boyfriend feels like he's hit the jackpot—after all, you're his very own Nigella Lawson. Young, hot, can bake from scratch—he can't hear his friend's envious sighs over the sound of the wedding bells in his head.

#### READY FOR YOUR APP-GRADE?

through the help of trusty Youtube. A huge array of recipe and cooking channels are available—pick which ones you can easily follow as you learn how to cook more dishes. Think of it as professional chef lessons, which you can easily access through the tap of a button.

IFLIX Stream the food adventures of Michael Bourdain and learn from the expert! With iflix, you can access a huge selection of your favorite TV shows and movies from all over the globe whenever and wherever you want.

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Achieving your new life pegs require deep inspiration wells and more meaningful innovations like Smart Life Bundle (Available this July). It gives you entertainment, convenience and peace of mind everywhere, as well as the best collection of apps to improve your life.

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You can register by sending ENT 299 to 9999.



Clash Of Clans is one game that one does not simply put down. It's so incredibly compelling that it has changed some portions of our lives one way or another!

You see it everywhere nowadays: people fiddling with their phones as though they're crafting the most important text message of their lives. Out of curiosity, you lean over a bit to see just what's up...only to find a bunch of miniature characters running about in a colorful world. Yes, he's playing Clash Of Clans a.k.a. the most addictive mobile game ever created by mankind.

At that point, you bust out your smartphone. You remember that you're a Clash Of Clan chieftain yourself and it is time. to. attack. Now, here are some more!

• Your life in Clash Of Clans becomes just as important as your life on social media.

Once you're hooked, COC becomes another app to check when you wake up in the morning along with Facebook and Instagram. What if the other chieftains didn't sleep and attacked your base instead while you snoozed?!

Important real-life chores take a backseat to important virtual chores in COC.

Eating, taking a bath, doing the grocery, picking up your laundry are, of course, an important part of your daily life. But are they more important than preparing for tomorrow's battles and making sure that you're well-equipped to withstand the raids? To a hardcore COC player, the answer is simple: NOPE.

Being a good person now entails reminding friends and families to attack.

And they will love you for it, and remind you to attack as well. What goes around, comes around in COC as much as it does in real life!



#### 4 Your relationship with the boulriend is so much better now.

Realizing that there was no way to beat COC for your BF's attention, you have now decided to join him in his battles. The result: Recalling epic COC battles has now become part of your regular conversations with him.

#### 5 You've started calling real-life office mates with their cool clan names.

Because Defender OF SOulZ sounds so much cooler than simple Jun-jun From Accounting.



#### DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU **CAN BUY IN-APP ITEMS** FOR CLASH OF CLANS **USING YOUR SMART** ACCOUNT? HERE'S HOW:



- 2) Once registered, boot up Clash of Clans!
- 3) Go to the store for in-game items or in-app purchases such as Clash of Clans gems, which you can then use to buy other useful COC items!
- 4) Click "Buy".
- 5) Enter your Google password and click "Confirm."
- 6) If successful, payment will be verified and you will receive an SMS of the successful transaction

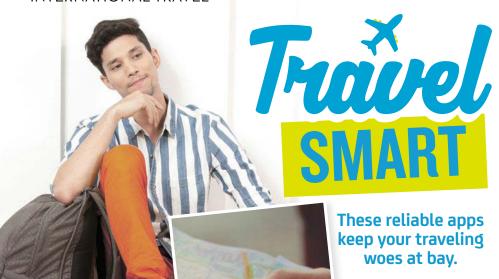


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- 2) Go to www.smart.com.ph/postpaid/
- 3) Register with your complete name, e-mail address, and Smart Postpaid mobile number.
- 4) Registration period is from July 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015
- 5) Each valid promo registration is equivalent to one raffle entry.
- 6) The draw will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2015.

## **REGISTER NOW!**

#### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



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#### FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DESTINATION



#### WIKITUDE

It's your tour guide in a genius app. While in a foreign place, hover your camera at the spot you're at, and all the info will pop up—sights to see, accommodations to consider, events to experience, even bars to hit up. What's more, the app gives you aggregated online reviews on each recommendation, as well as useful information from Wikipedia. Who says you need to ask around to get around?

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Now you can enjoy data roaming in Cambodia, New Zealand, Russia and Switzerland, plus 53 other countries. Visit smart.com.ph/postpaidalldaysurfabroad for more information.

#### **CHANGE CURRENCIES IN A CINCH!**



#### **XE CURRENCY**



If you're fond of converting currencies in your head, there's no need to do the mind math—this well-downloaded app converts foreign currency for you, with an interface that won't intimidate you with numbers. This app is known to convert a wide range of currencies, with accurate exchange rates updated regularly. That way you won't be wasting a penny.

#### EAT YOUR HEART OUT



#### **FOODSPOTTING**



The ultimate foodie app for travelers, Foodspotting doesn't only tell you which restaurant you should go to, it zeroes in on specific dishes that satisfy your particular craving. Best recommendations for your gastronomic desires are crowdsourced from your particular location, so you can easily slide in a family diner or a swanky speakeasy that fulfills your craving.

# **HOME SAFE HOME**

When it comes to keeping the family safe, moms need to be more vigilant against keeping danger at bay—especially when the kids are left at home.



#### • YAYA WATCH!

It's never an easy job to leave the kids with someone other than relatives, but that's why moms entrust household help so they could go on with work while their kids are taken care of. Sometimes, however, moms still need to make sure we're on top of our caregiver's activities 24/7, so they can track their activities,

activities 24/7, so they can track their activities, behavior, and the ways they handle your kids.

#### ARE THE KIDS ALONE? KEEP IT HUSH

If you're leaving your home alone, or if your kids will be left home without their parents, moms need to make sure never to mention it out loud, or in social media. Bad forces are everywhere—some of them even unbelievably tech savvy—and divulging their home's current state by talking out loud in public places or broadcasting it online make it all too easy for anyone to target the home.

#### **10** WORKING LATE LAST MINUTE

There are unexpected moments when moms and dads have to stay late at work, so they couldn't attend to their children when they're supposed to. This may be a cause of worry for parents, who need to communicate with their children to guide them, as they navigate their way through being home without their guardians.

#### O GET THE TECH-SAVVY ADVANTAGE

Thanks to technology, there are sure ways to make sure your home is always safe. The PLDT Home Fam Cam is a monitoring camera that allows subscribers to monitor what's happening at home, right from the PLDT Home Telpad, or from any other device using the mydlink Lite app.

Position the fame cam where your kids stay, or at the most important parts of the house, and check on what's happening whenever, wherever you are. What's more, you can talk to your family members through the Fam Cam, so real time connections aren't lost.

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# **PAY EARLY, GET LUCKY**



#### The early bird flies to Boracay

Whether we like it or not, 'Pinov Time' has long been ingrained in our society. It's evident at home, during our commute, at school, or even at the office (don't act like your lunch break always ends at 1pm).

When it comes to paying postpaid phone bills. however, this trademark Pinov trait may not be your best option because you may miss out on some awesome prizes from Smart's Pay Early, Get Lucky promo!

Joining is easy-peasey, just pay your bill in full and on time at any SMART Store or any Accredited Payment Channels. Promo runs until September 30, 2015, so hurry and be one of our lucky winners to enjoy any of the 7 getaway destinations across the Philippines!

#### HOW TO JOIN

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when you pay in full via SMART stores



#### Get 10 raffle entries

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